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Today's Weather: Winds gradually increasing to moderate or fresh East; sea for rapidly clearing; weather becoming cloudy, with scattered light drizzle tonight; cooler.
Moon Observations: Barometric pressure, 1015.1 mbs., 29.98 in. Temperature, 72.2 deg. F. Dew point, 68 deg. F. Relative humidity, 88. Wind direction, East. Wind force, 16 knots.
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U.S. Reds Charged With

Conspiracy BLUEPRINT FOR REVOLUTION

New York, Mar. 21.—The Government today charged 11 top United States Communists, using the Russian revolution as a blueprint, had advocated the smashing of the U.S. Government.

In an hourlong opening statement, the United States Attorney, Mr. John McGohey, told the Federal Court jury of seven women and five men (including three negroes) that the 11 Communist National Board members had conspired to teach "that this revolution cannot be without violence, for, to be successful, the entire apparatus of government must be smashed."

Mr. McGohey said the Communist Party, as reorganised by the defendants in 1945, taught students who were being trained as "professional revolutionaries" that Marxism was the "guide to action."

"The Russian revolution is studied in detail as the blueprint for revolution in every other country," he continued. "This is the model for revolution in this country. At the proper time of national crisis, unrest and disorder, brought about by severe depression or war, Party members will be in positions of influence in key trades and basic industries. When the National Board decides that the revolutionary situation is at hand, the Party will lead the proletarian in violent revolution."

MOTION DENIED
The 11 men, who have claimed they love America, are charged with conspiring in 1945 to dissolve the Communist political association and set up the present Communist Party of the United States to teach and advocate violent overthrow of the Government.

The actual trial opened after Federal Judge Harold Medina denied a defence motion to throw out the indictment or adjourn the case for 90 days on grounds that adverse news paper publicity had prevented a fair trial.

Sitting with the defence counsel was the chief defendant, Eugene Dennis, acting as his own counsel. He made the main defence opening statement.

Mr. Justice Medina instructed the jury to give close attention to Dennis' remarks, but not to accept any as evidence unless they were made as a sworn statement and not in his role of attorney.

The first weeks of the trial were taken up largely by the defence's unsuccessful efforts to prove the New York system of jury selection was illegal. Selection of the jury required two weeks and one of the three negroes on the jury—a woman—is foreman.

Dennis said the defence would "expose sinister political purposes behind this trial."

Not one paragraph in the indictment charges that the Communist leaders at any time committed a single overt act against the United States Government or advocated its forcible overthrow," he said. "We will have no alibi that we were somewhere else (during the times mentioned in the indictment)."

Washington, Mar. 21.—Miss Judith Coplon, 27-year-old former American Government employee, pleaded innocent today to a charge of taking secret security information from the Justice Department files.

Miss Coplon's trial on a Grand Jury indictment alleging the removal of information will start on April 25.

She is also to be tried in New York on April 1 with Valentin Gubitchev, Russian engineer at United Nations Headquarters, on an espionage conspiracy.

Miss Coplon is at provisional liberty. Gubitchev is in custody.—Reuter.

Political Processions LONDON AREA BARRED

London, Mar. 21.—All political processions in the London area were banned for three months by the Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede. The announcement came less than 24 hours after big clashes in the East End of London between anti-Fascists and supporters of Sir Oswald Mosley, the prewar Fascist leader.

Mr. Chuter Ede, who made his statement to the House of Commons, said: "I regret it is necessary to take this step, but it is intolerable that the streets of the metropolis should be made a battleground for opposing factions."

The Home Secretary said he had been informed by the Commissioner of Police that the powers conferred on him were not sufficient to enable him to prevent "serious public disorder" being caused by political processions and he had, therefore, asked that such processions be banned.

A ban on political demonstrations, imposed in April, 1948, after Mosley supporters had announced their intention of staging similar marches, ended on February 6 this year.

POLICE RUSE FAILS

Mr. Chuter Ede said the police, anticipating that disorders might arise on the route chosen by Mosley's Union Movement, prescribed a different route, which was not disclosed to the organisers until yesterday morning. "With the object of preventing the route from being publicly advertised," he said, "20 arrests were made during attempts to interfere with the Union meeting in Ridley road and to interfere with the march."

Mr. Chuter Ede said that when the procession arrived at its destination where a further meeting was intended, it was found that "the place was occupied by four other meetings. The police therefore ordered the marchers to disperse forthwith."

He added: "When their opponents discovered that the procession had already dispersed, they diverted their animosity to the police. Milk bottles, lumps of concrete, hurled from the crowd, and in each case the target was the police."

"Attempts were also made to interfere with the mounted police by throwing marbles and ball bearings on the road. A further nine arrests were made by the police at this stage."

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These coal miners trooping into a lamp house of the H. C. Frick Coke company mine near Pittsburgh, indicated they would join in the two-week stoppage asked by Coal Mine Union Chief, John L. Lewis.—AP Picture.

Paper's Contempt Of Court

Sequel To Murder Stories

London, Mar. 21.—The proprietors and publishers of the Daily Mirror were today ordered to attend the King's Bench Divisional Court on Friday to answer for contempt of court, alleged to have been committed by the publication of reports on March 4 relating to a man at present in prison on a murder charge.

The order was announced by the Lord Chief Justice of England, Lord Goddard, and two other judges after they had considered an application on behalf of Mr. John George Haigh, for leave to apply a writ of attachment against the editor.

Haigh is in custody on a charge of murdering Mrs. Olive Durant-Duncan, a widow who disappeared from her London hotel.

During today's hearing of the application for the writ, the judges heard Mr. Silvester Bolam, editor of the Daily Mirror, express through his counsel, "his sincere and unqualified regret" for "his grave error" in publishing the reports.

JUDGE'S COMMENT

They ordered that the contempt of court allegation and the application for the writ should both be dealt with on Friday, when the proprietors and publishers were before the court.

After Mr. Bolam had accepted responsibility for the matter now before the court, the Lord Chief Justice said: "No one can say this was an error of judgment. These things are the most horrifying things one can possibly read. The whole thing is alleging that a man has committed murder."

"With a man held on one murder, the most horrifying details are given of other murders which are said to have been committed, with details about them."

Lord Goddard, following a conference with Justice Humphreys and Birkett, then said to Sir Walter Monckton, representing Haigh: "The court thinks that in a case of this gravity the publishing company—the proprietors—ought to be brought before the court."—Reuter.

Mysterious Fires Destroy Turkish Military Property

Istanbul, Mar. 21.—Unofficial quarters today linked the Communists with a series of mysterious fires and explosions which destroyed large amounts of Turkish military property in the past few weeks.

One official pointed to the fact that 12 persons had been arrested here for "spreading Communist propaganda," the first such arrests in many months. The Communist Party is outlawed in Turkey.

The police had not said the arrests were connected with possible sabotage, but the timing of the round-up was considered significant.

The first in the chain of explosions and fires here on March 21 was the worst. A private ammunition factory, working on government orders, was destroyed and 32 persons killed.

On March 10, at Tuzla, near Ismir naval base, a large military radar station containing equipment sent by the United States was destroyed by fire.

On March 11, at Adana, south of Anatolia, a modern military hospital was damaged by fire. No casualties were announced.

On March 12, at Dagdelen military base near Istanbul, fire swept a large ammunition dump and caused an explosion felt for miles. First reports said there were casualties, later reports said there were none. Reporters were barred from the scene.

On March 14, a building at Isahayye, housing a military recruiting office, was destroyed by fire. After the March 10 fire at Tuzla, the commander of the First Army in Istanbul asked newspapers not to publish the incidents and in general the newspapers complied.

With Communist activities illegal, all known Communists have disappeared from the public. There have been persistent reports that an underground organisation exists.

EXODUS FROM PEIPING

Shanghai, Mar. 22.—The first exodus of foreigners from Peiping since the Communists took over control of the city is expected to begin within a few days when the foreign staff members of the Economic Co-operation Administration there leave for the South, either for Shanghai or Hongkong.

Headed by Mr. Ritchie C. Davies, the group will catch a steamer at Tientsin. Communist permission to leave the city was reported to have been given a few days ago.

The ECA Peiping Office suspended operations shortly after the Communists assumed control of the city.—Reuter.

Ship Runs Aground On Waglan Is.

Not Believed To Be Seriously Damaged

The 8,000-ton merchant ship, Surprise, owned by the Pacific Far East Lines, which left Hongkong harbour yesterday afternoon, ran aground on Waglan Island about midnight, according to reports reaching the Colony this morning.

The Surprise, carrying cargo and 11 passengers (nine from Hongkong and two from Manila) was scheduled to make a direct trip to San Francisco.

Captained by Mr. E. Nelson, the Surprise left Buoy 1A at 4 p.m. yesterday and cleared Lyemun an hour later.

No information has yet been received as to the weather conditions when the ship ran aground, but it is possible she ran into fog after leaving the harbour inasmuch as it was seven hours later when she went aground.

Two tugs from Talkoo are standing by to render assistance in getting the ship afloat again.

One report received this morning said the Surprise was not making water and that all aboard were safe and well.

Two agents of the owners left for Waglan during the morning and reports from them are expected later this afternoon.

The Surprise is on a regular schedule between San Francisco and Hongkong, her other ports of call being Shanghai and Manila.

Russia Not To Retaliate

Berlin, Mar. 21.—The Russian authorities announced tonight they will take no retaliatory action against the move by the Western powers which outlawed the Soviet East Mark in the Western sector of Berlin.

In the first official Soviet reaction to the currency reform, Colonel Alexei Yelizarov, acting Soviet Commandant of Berlin, declared:

"In an endeavour to help the population of Berlin's Western sector, the Soviet Military Administration does not intend to carry out any measures restricting use of the mark of the German Bank of Emission (East Mark) by residents of the Western sector in the Soviet sector of Berlin and in the Soviet occupation zone." — Associated Press.

SKI-ER'S COOL NERVE

Oslo, Mar. 21.—Masterly skiing technique saved the life of Shoultz Mostue in a jump on the Skutumpahen ski jumping hill near Oslo on Sunday.

Watched by 15,000 spectators, Mostue leapt out 230 feet and lost one of his skis. Balancing his body with his skis legs, he soared through the air and then calmly rested his free leg behind his other leg. A split second after touching the ground, he curled up and rolled over and over down the hill.

He got up unhurt.

The ski he lost fell into the spectators and one person was injured.—Associated Press.

Helicopter Rescue

Maryville, Tenn., Mar. 21.—A helicopter today rescued four injured persons from the Smoky Mountains, where they had been stranded for three days beside their crashed plane.

A fifth occupant had stumbled about 40 kilometres in 42 hours to reach a telephone and report the crash.—Reuter.

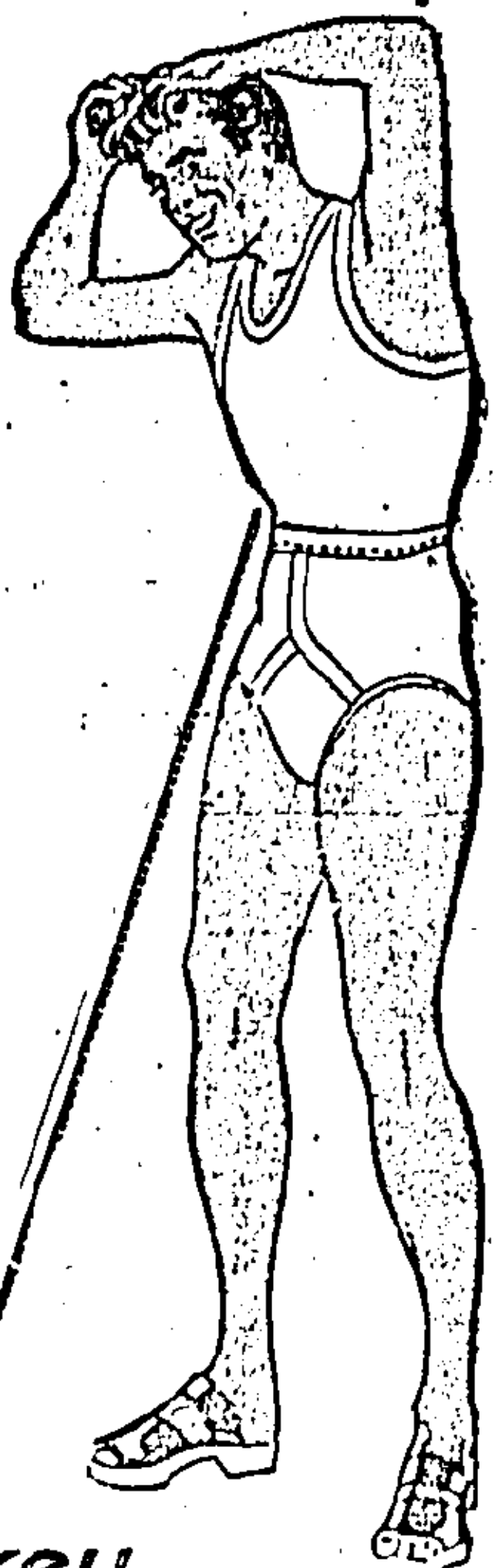
EDITORIAL

Mr Cassidy's Cheerful Report

THE chairman's speech at the annual general meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce is something more than a report to members: it is accepted by all those interested in the progress of the Colony as an authoritative précis of developments during the preceding 12 months and an acceptable pointer to the immediate future. In these respects the Hon P. S. Cassidy's address to the Chamber yesterday ranks on equal terms with speeches delivered by his predecessors. Mr Cassidy warned his listeners that he would probably have to overlap the comprehensive surveys of the state of Hongkong which had been made during recent weeks, but in at least one respect he advanced a great deal further than any of those reviews. Mr Cassidy had the courage to peer into the future—not too distant, it is true, but with a degree of confidence that had not been attempted by earlier reviewers. His opinions can be rated as decidedly encouraging. Firstly, he sees few signs of a recession; secondly, there is no obvious reason for anxiety about effecting future sales of seasonal stocks; thirdly, while the political situation in China is disturbing and undoubtedly has affected trade between Hongkong and the hinterland, he does not think that the basic character of the Chinese merchant will be changed by any political creed adopted in his country. Here is a note of optimism which merits attention because it represents an important body of responsible opinion—opinion based on experience, knowledge and business acumen. Nor do we believe Mr Cassidy is indulging in wishful thinking. The signs of continued prosperity here far outweigh the vague indications of slumps, caused either by world economic conditions or the political upheaval within China.

In his appreciation of the past year's trading and the future prospects, Mr Cassidy sagely observed that "it is obvious that the sphere of our entrepot trade has widened." That, of course, is the prime reason for the fascinating record trade returns for 1948, and that is the basic justification for believing our trade will continue to flourish. The widening of our sphere of entrepot trade does not mean—even infer—that Hongkong believes it can be independent of China's economic position, but it does demonstrate that the Colony is capable of expanding its dealings, and that if China became stabilised tomorrow it could efficiently handle any additional demands for entrepot trade. And that this is so can be credited to the sagacity of the Colony's commercial interests and the commonsense practicability of Government. Hongkong harbour permits the quickest turn-about of shipping in any port east of Suez and for this state of affairs due recognition must be given to the Port Executive Committee and to the rapid rehabilitation by private undertakings of wharf facilities. Moreover, it is a matter for record that, although the Chamber of Commerce and the newly named Department of Supplies and Distribution have not always seen eye to eye over the technique of marketing, they have, for the most part worked together harmoniously and effectively. This, clearly, has been a factor in the Colony's continued success in rehabilitating and consolidating itself. Mr Cassidy's report was pleasantly cheerful in tone, and while it would be unwise to assume too much, we believe he was fully justified in adopting the note of confidence which characterised his comments about the future.

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WOMANSENSE

THE IDEAL HOME COMES WITHIN EASIER REACH

BY PETER LOVEGROVE

London.
THAT very reliable barometer of British skill, craftsmanship and ingenuity in domestic manufacture, the Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition, the 26th edition of which opened at Olympia on March 1, does not merely register "Set Fair." Nor does it only give practical and encouraging proof that Britain is rapidly outgrowing the Age of Utility and Shortages. It eloquently spotlights the great advances industry has made in improving the comfort and enjoyment of the home—a progress which can at last be measured in comparison with pre-war standards of quality.

The centre piece of this exhaustive and exhausting show is an elegant cream building roofed with glass, draped in crimson plush curtains and lighted by crystal chandeliers, and filled with the very best that is being produced today—thick grey Wilton carpets, Royal Worcester dinner services, gleaming Sheffield silver, Brierley crystal vases, hand-embroidered Irish linen, finely carved mahogany Chippendale furniture and a host of other luxurious articles which recall the splendour of the stately mansions of two centuries ago allied to the inventiveness of up-to-date applied science.

Freedom Of Design

BUT if this pavilion must remain only a dream palace for the smaller incomes, are also widely catered for at Olympia, and the vast crowds thronging its 23 acres have been quick to note how the new freedom of design and the easing of restrictions have allowed the British manufacturer to use his creative ability to the full.

The de-matting of many foods and the down-pointing of others has enabled the re-introduction of gift samples, which

have always been such a popular feature of the show.
The housing section is symptomatic of these improved conditions and progressing standards. When the last flying bomb and the last rocket of World War Two had fallen on Britain, almost one-third of the country's 13 million houses had been either destroyed or been damaged beyond repair. The imperative demand was for repairs to blitzed homes and for new houses of the three-bedroom type.

Now that some 250,000 war-damaged houses have been repaired, converted or adapted, and some 600,000 new homes (including 157,000 "temporaries") have been built, the Ministry of Health is turning its attention to the claims of more diversified housing and building larger houses for large families, and smaller dwellings for young married couples, old people, and the bachelor or spinster.

One way they are going to meet these claims, as far as down-dwellers are concerned, is through a modern version of the three-storey terrace, a whole section of which has been constructed at Olympia. Where land is scarce, as in built-up areas, building in three storeys has special advantages and it does enable larger families to have a house and a private garden instead of living in a flat.

Its disadvantages in the past to housewives—the tiring work of long dark staircases to climb and descend, to clean and carpet, the difficulties of keeping the place adequately warm—have largely been eliminated. There will be shorter stairways, no attics and no basement, and up-to-date heating and a roof terrace are some of the best features of the new type.

Included in the same exhibit are two-storey maisonettes,

two-room flats and bed-sitting-room flats, all of which can be incorporated in three-storey development or in blocks of new flats.

Another sign of the times is that for the first time since 1939 there are houses for sale. The time has not yet come when one can freely survey a housing estate, select a house and say: "I will buy that," or call on a builder and say: "Build for me on these special conditions," but the houses on view can be built for those who can obtain a building licence which, mainly, means those who can prove to their local authority their need of a house and their capability to obtain one which meets the regulations of the present day.

Modern Cottage

OF the two contrasting designs, the larger has a modern cottage look, with a high-pitched roof, rustic brick, a projecting canopy porch, a picturesque chimney stack, and a loggia running the length of the building at the back, while the "Davis" house is of more traditional design, with large bay windows, an attractive gable and covered porch.

There is also a shock for those who still think of "prefabrication" in terms of glorified Nissen huts. The Hawesley House looks like a traditional brick one—but it is planned on unusual lines. Its whole interior comes in ready-made sections from the factory—shells of walls into which concrete is poured on the site—and the outer walls can be brick or stone. Again, concrete columns and steel beams with outer walls of special concrete slabs have made the Unity House the speediest ever constructed at Olympia: it looks like a countryhouse with gay window-boxes, but it took only three days to erect.

All these houses contain many innovations. One has a glass wool blanket under the roof, another a coating of aluminium foil behind the wall surfaces for heat insulation. The "Davies" is entirely lit by fluorescence, and the cottage contains a variable electric lamp which can be "turned down" various degrees to a night-light.

New labour-saving devices which have been catching the eye of housewives include a kitchen unit with a plastic top to withstand the heat of kettle or saucepan; a modern cooker with a transparent door placed at such a height that it is not necessary to stoop to see what is cooking; a combination dish-and-clothes-washer; an illuminated "mushroom" for draining, which shows every strand of the sock under repair; a hygienic hot-air dryer in which the housewife can sink her hands; dispensing with hand-towels; double-decker pressure cookers for separating foods; nursery furniture on which the children may scribble without fear of reprisal; hot-plate serving wagons which keep meals hot for late arrivals and stay-abed tea; and an electric toaster which automatically ejects the two slices of bread when they have been cooked according to taste.

Fascinating Gadget

AND it's not only the housewives who are being helped. Even men will now be able to enjoy their week-ends thanks to the "Ladybird," a 15-lb. electric lawnmower, the Tarpen Hedge Trimmer—electric too—which I am assured cuts hedges ten times as fast as hand-shears, and an electric plane.

But the prize Oscar goes to a fascinating electric gadget to cut all gadgets: it cleans cutlery and silver ware, polishes brass and table glasses, sharpens knives—and cleans shoes. But as it costs some £40, most of us will still have to stick to elbow grease.

Steel, which plays such an important part in the modern home, is featured in the largest working model ever made. This depicts, on a space about as big as a tennis court, a complete modern steelworks in full activity, working, steaming, glowing with the fierce red heat of furnaces and rolling mills, and white hot metal, with the clamour of hammering, grinding, and hissing. Electrically operated, everything is perfect to a scale of 72 inches to one. Express trains race through it, main line freight trains discharge homeland ores, coal, limestone and scrap. A foreign ship at the quayside discharges real iron ore, and a tug fuses about the harbour. The materials—travel through washeries, blast-furnaces, refineries, melting shops, then on to cogging and rolling mills to be flattened and sharpened and sheared and borne away by magnetic cranes as plates for the shipbuilders.

Nylon Guises

THIS steel-town model, which includes even the workers' home town and a tramway service, took eight months to build. As for Nylon, that substance of coal and air and water, it steps out of sheer stockings and parachute lingerie into a host of new guises—flimsy night-dresses, knitted tricotee adminkers, brassieres and corsets, sophisticated dinner-gowns and raincoats, laces and ribbons, dresses and hair-nets, flannel-lined and tennis shoes, rackets, climbing ropes, sails and swimsuits, ending up with an all-Nylon bedroom.

For women workers, Miss Hughes says: "A woman can always be placed, providing she is capable whatever her age."

Dress news

SEERSUCKER evening dresses—no ironing necessary—are here again... amusing Kangaroo pouch pocket on a draped crepe gown by Clive Duncan... children's party frocks from which the odd spot can just be wiped away... detachable draped basque, with tiny train, worn either back or front on a violet wool frock (Ruhvis)... new colours for spring cottons are cherry pink and Shelland blue, chosen by the Queen and Princess Margaret for the Australian tour.

Cut prices

ONE of London's youngest designers, Paul de Lanza, is trying to bring haute couture clothes within the reach of middle-class incomes. By cutting down on elaborate over-trim and doing his own cutting as well as designing, he manages to sell in the £30 region.

If he keeps up the quality of his spring collection he should find a big clientele.

Perfection, 1949

PERFECTION measurements given to me by a beauty specialist for the new clothes: Height 5ft. 4in.; waist 24in.; bust 34in.; hips 35in.

The new Paris fashions —

* Just released are these outline sketches of models from Paris. Three figures on the left show trends from the Jacques Fath collection. Right: Pierre Balmain gowns.



— would make ENGLISH husbands frown

THE FALLACY that women dress to please men was exploded by Alison Settle, ex-edress of Vogue, at the "Design in Fashion" lunch in London.

By Eileen Ascroft

"Married women certainly do not dress to please their husbands," says Mrs Settle. "If they did they would all look like timid mice."

How true that is. Most wives know that the dashing hat, gay new lipstick or coloured nylons will be frowned upon at home, though greatly admired elsewhere on other models.

Englishmen do not take fashion seriously. That is probably the reason why the British fashion industry does not receive the backing it deserves and needs.

The Frenchman, who takes an ardent interest in everything his wife puts on, views the French fashion industry very seriously indeed. As novelist James Laver pointed out in his reply to Mrs Settle: "The French cook well and make good clothes, because they take both seriously. L'estomac et l'amour."

No repeats

ONE woman who likes to buy her clothes in Paris is coloured dancer Katherine Dunham, whose company is filling the Palais de Chaillot every night.

My Paris correspondent tells me that, Pierre Balmain has designed an exclusive wardrobe for her, and that none of

the dresses will ever be repeated.

Best-seller

TOP-SELLING SKIRT in the world now has a new variation... a special model for the mother-to-be. Made with attractive wrap-over side panels, an 8in expansion can be achieved simply by moving a button.

The skirt was first shown by a professional model in neat black and white checks. Then three mothers-to-be, expecting their babies in seven months to three weeks' time, showed the skirt in clerical grey, flannel, brown tweed and pink-beige wool.

Throughout the test, the skirt kept its crisp line and perfect hang.

All the answers

OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS are the job of Tyn Hughes, 611 grey-haired business woman. Finding socks difficult for elderly women, emergency cooks for dinner parties, jobs for foreign maids baby minding, walking the dog and sitting with invalids, are all part of her day's work.

Through her tiny office pass over a hundred problems a week. Most difficult to place of the job seekers are the men over 45. But here's good news

Choosing Rouge and Lipstick



After choosing the right shade of rouge to harmonize with your skin, apply it very sparingly high on the cheek. Then, using fingers, blend.

BY HELEN FOLLETT

OFF on a cosmetic binge, you stand at the toiletries counter, look over rouge compacts and lipsticks and you see red! All kinds of red! Your mind is thrown into a state of confusion. What to choose? How can you guess? Getting the fixings for a synthetic complexion is often a tough job.

Of one thing you may be sure, carnation for the cheeks and bright red for the lips are old stuff. Not subtle enough for the modern moment. You must find more delicate tones. Rouge and lipstick can be divided into three classes; the true reds, like geranium; the reds with a blue undertone like raspberry or wine; and those that have a golden cast like an Oriental poppy. Which one you select depends upon the character and colouring of the skin that can range from the palest gardenia to sallow or beige.

At many beauty shops and cosmetic counters you can con-

sult a rouge chart. Stand before the counter and pinch your cheeks until they glow. Nature may give you the perfect answer to your problem. You can choose a liquid, cream or compact rouge, whichever you like.

The compact, of course, is the most popular because it is convenient to carry about with one, easy to apply. Cream rouge is best for the dry skin. Liquid rouge has never been very popular, but women who use it are loud in its praise because there need be no retouching during the day.

If you would experiment with this type of factory blush dip a pledget of cotton in water, press it nearly dry, pour on a little of the red liquid, brush over the cheeks lightly. Place the colouring high to give accent to the eyes, freshness and vitality to the face.



Let's Eat

BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Unusual Apple Pie Recipe

THE days were getting shorter and the nights brought a tinge of frost. It was time to put the garden to bed. Only the hardy chrysanthemums, marigolds and asters remained to welcome us at the door. Some of the plants I dug up and potted to arrange in the dining-room bay-window. There were wide, shallow galvanised trays on the window-sills which I enamelled white to match the woodwork, and filled with pebbles from the beach to provide drainage. The plants I put in ordinary earthen pots. The kind with a hole in the bottom. Then to dress them up, I covered them loosely with aluminium foil that I pleated and tied onto the tops with silver cord. Just as I finished putting some pots of trailing philodendrons in the wall brackets, the Chef came in.

"What a cheerful and pleasant room this is, you have made in a dining-room conservatory!"

Lovely Plants

"Yet these lovely growing plants demand only sunshine, water and a little plant food, and they will last all winter," I said.

"I like the geraniums you have spotted among the other plants. They make a nice bit of colour." He bent down and sniffed. "Ah, this is a rose geranium," he remarked. "I shall take a leaf now and then to add to the filling for flavour in my apple pie."

"Fine, Chef. We will call it geranium apple pie—and—" "We'll have one for our dinner dessert," he said, laughing at my enthusiasm.

Mint Sauce

"And of course you use mint in sauce for lamb, a little chopped up in a tossed salad, in fruit drinks, and as a garnish for fruit cups," I observed.

"Oul, Madame, and as to the parsley, it is indispensable. In the salads, with the fish, in soups, sprinkled over the vegetables, for parsley points, and as the garnish for food platters. By the way, do you not think the people make a mistake when they leave their parsley on the plate?"

"Indeed they do, Chef. Parsley is a valuable food. Although, we eat only small amounts, every bit contributes to our good health."

Dinner

Citrus Fruit Cup with Mint Chicken Braised with Onions

Finky Potatoes Creamed Kalo
"Geranium" Apple Pie
Sharp Cheese
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Chicken Braised with Onions

Since a plump 4 lb. fowl, remove the pin feathers, clean, scrub with mild soapy water, rinse thoroughly and drain. Rub inside and out with 1 tsp. powdered ginger. Dust with salt and pepper. Slow-fry all over in a heavy kettle in ¼ c. fat. Add 2 lbs. peeled, mild white onions, and 2 c. boiling water. Cover, and simmer on top of the range 2½ to 3 hrs., or until the chicken is fork-tender; the onions will be completely disintegrated. (Or use 3/4 c. water and pressure cook 35 min. at 15 lbs.) Make a gravy from the remaining liquid.

Creamed Kalo

Pick the fresh, clean leaves from 1½ lbs. kale. (Cook the stalks separately to use in a salad.) Add to the leaves 1 tsp. salt and 1 c. boiling water. Cover and slow-boil until tender, about 20 min. Chop and add ½ c. undrained evaporated milk; stir in 1½ tsp. butter or margarine, blended with 1½ tbs. flour, ¼ tsp. pepper, and a few grains nutmeg. Cook and stir until thick and creamy.

Covered "Geranium" Apple Pie

Make 1 recipe plain American pie pastry, or use a mix. Cut in 2 pieces. Roll one piece to ½ in. thickness and line a 9 in. pie plate. Sprinkle the bottom with 1 tsp. flour. Mix with 2 tbs. sugar. Then peel, core and thin-slice enough tart cooking apples to make 3 heaping cups. Mix with 1 c. granulated sugar, ¼ tsp. salt, 1 tsp. cold water and 1 tsp. melted butter or margarine. Spread half the apple in the crust-lined plate. Lay on a washed rose geranium leaf. (Omit if not at hand and add ½ tsp. cinnamon.) Add remaining apple; cover with a top crust. Press the edges together with the tines of a fork, and trim off the top in three places. Slash the top in three places. Let the steam escape. Brush with milk to make the crust brown. Dust with 1½ tbs. granulated sugar. Bake 1½ min. in a very hot oven, 450 F. Then reduce the heat to 350 F. and bake 40 min. longer.

Mint flavoured apple pie is very good. Just bake a sprig of fresh mint in the pie. And dust the top crust before baking with a little fine crushed mint candy for a new finish.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



VISITORS—During a visit to the United Nations at Lake Success, New York, two college students stop to chat with two delegates. Here, left to right, Dr. Mathur U. M. Jodhpur of India, Eve Osler of Montreal, Canada, Frances Edwards of Philadelphia, and Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton of Canada, get acquainted.



END OF FLIGHT—When it struck an electric light wire near Slingerlands, New York, this light plane landed too suddenly. The pilot was critically injured.



JET PRACTICE—US naval jet pilot Capt. James L. Wiltaker (in cockpit) gives last minute instructions to his ground crew at Roosevelt Roads Naval Base, Puerto Rico, before his Phantom takes off.



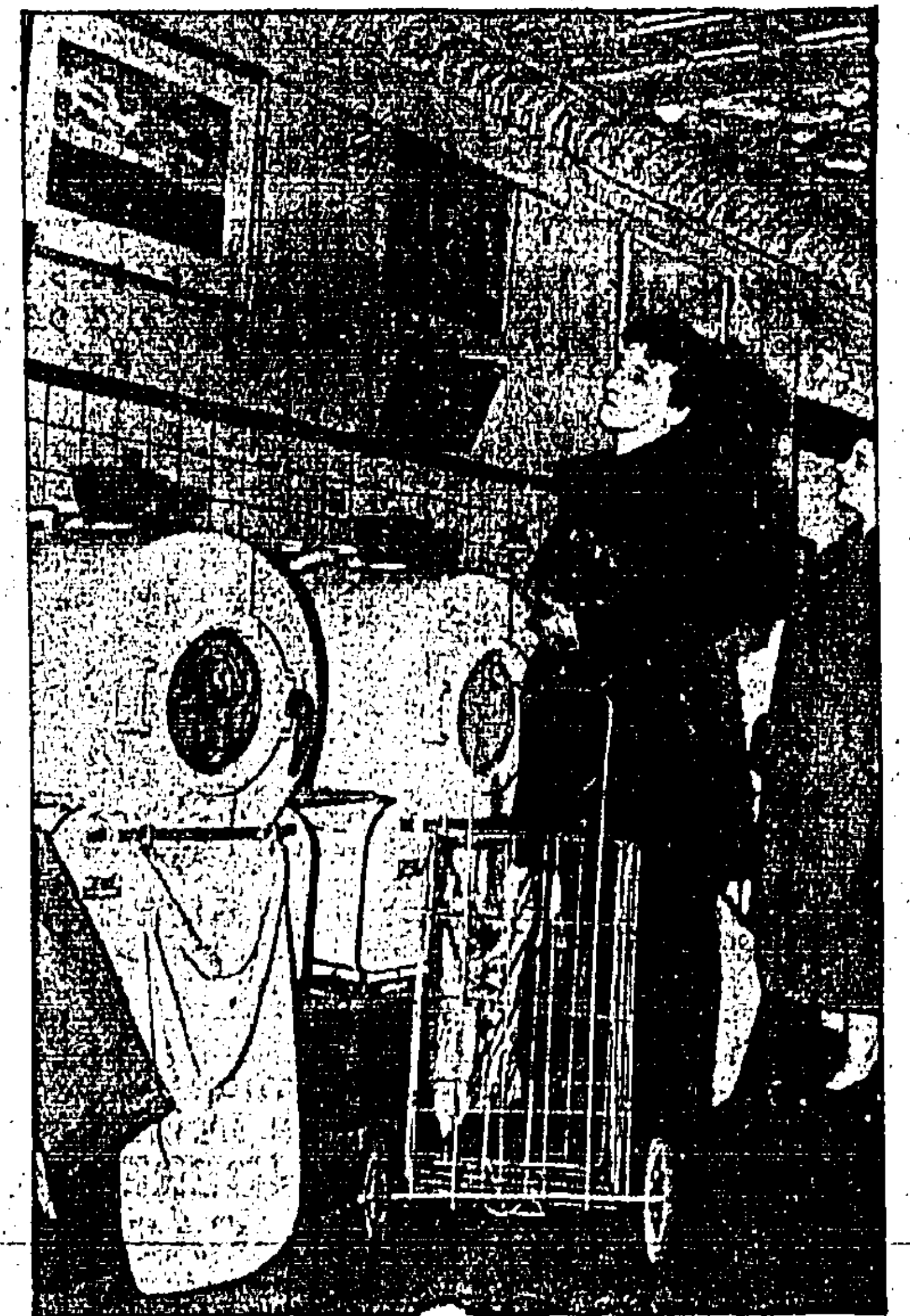
IT STILL WORKS—During the wartime rubber shortage, 72-year-old John Alpin Graydon developed this tyre at his home in Ridgely, New Jersey. Made from tightly rolled strips of old tyre casings and attached to a rim, Graydon now uses it for a spare.



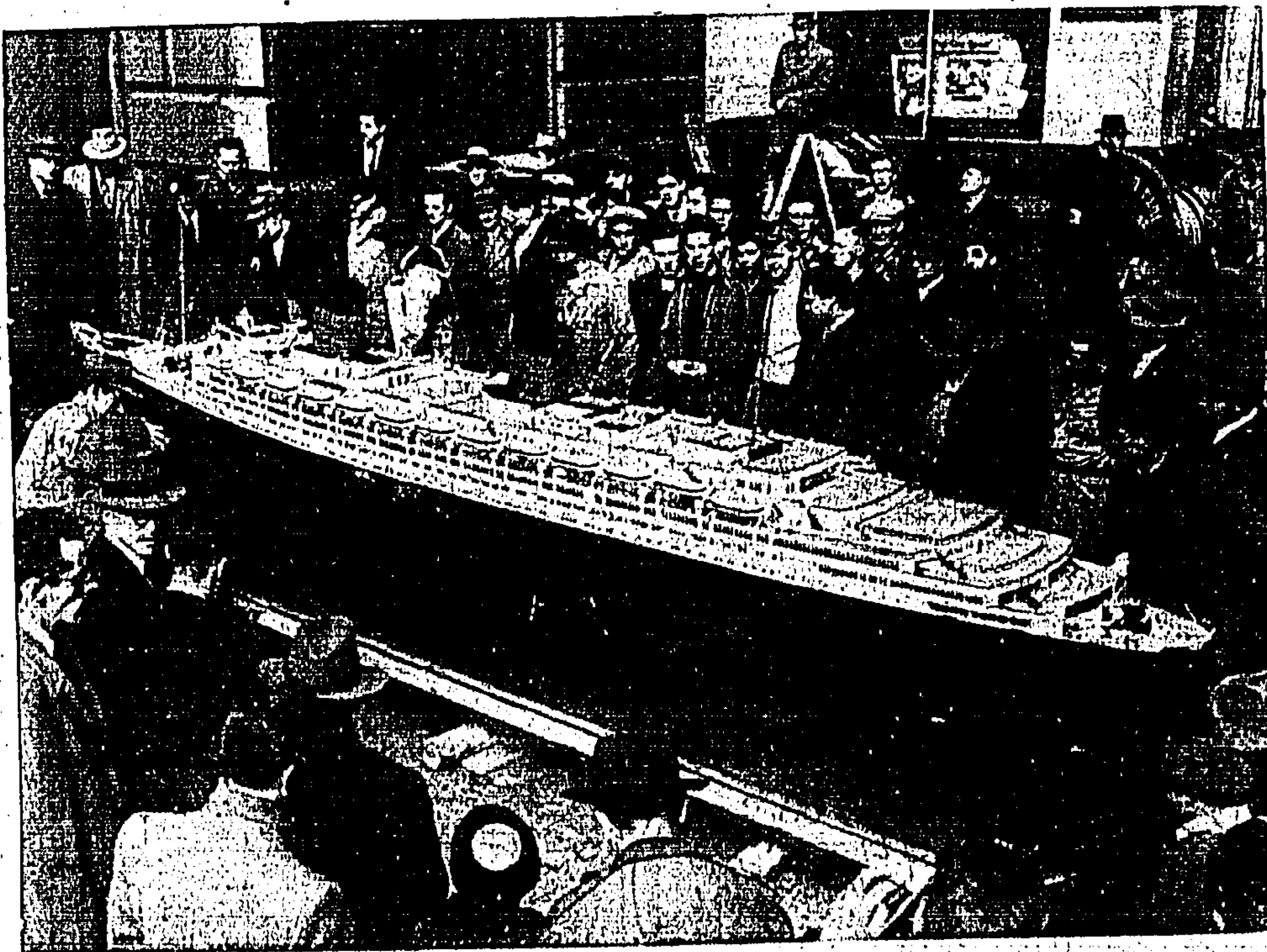
LONG LEGGED—Model Mella Armstrong displays a new bathing suit in Phoenix, Arizona. Designed to give the "long leg look," it is known as the powder-puff suit and has a fluffy skirt.



THOSE PRICES!—Housewives in Prague, Czechoslovakia, queue up for the first unrationed sale of scarce foodstuffs. After waiting three hours, some didn't even mind paying one shilling each for an egg, five shillings for a tin of sardines, £2-10 for half a pound of ham.



FOR WAITING HOUSEWIVES—The owner of a New York automatic laundry has installed a temporary art show to keep his customers happy. Here two housewives inspect some water colours as they wait for their laundry.



LARGEST YET—A crowd gathers round the 21-foot model of the liner Queen Elizabeth in New York—the biggest ever made of the world's largest liner. Built in England for the Cunard White Star Line, the ship's owners, it was sent to America to join the "fleet" on display in the Cunard office.



NET WORK—Sandra Guthrie works on a net of her father's design in Morehead City, North Carolina. Widely popular with shrimpers, the nets are made so as to let small fish escape while holding the shrimp. This saves millions of fish every year.

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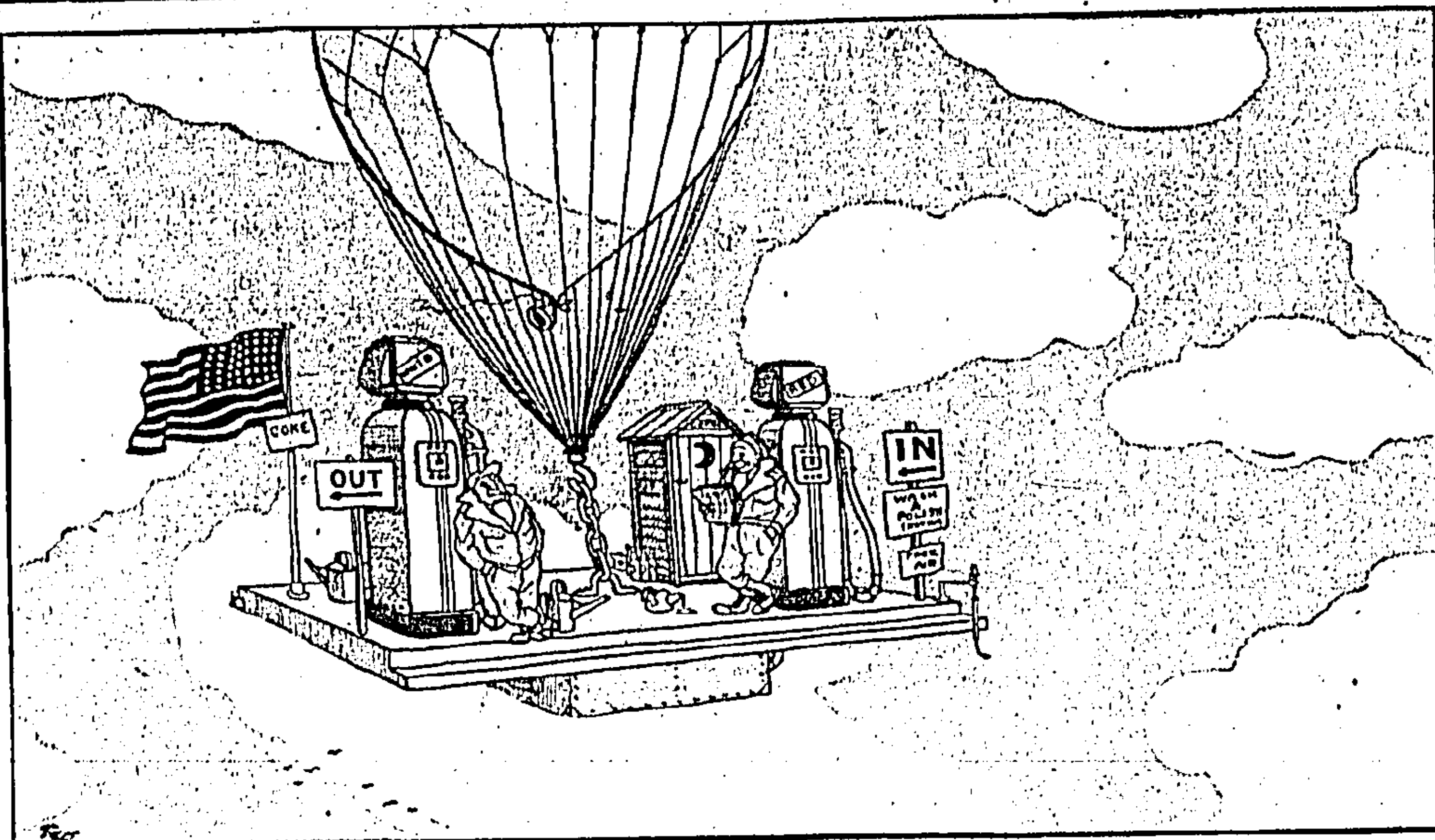
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LOST ILLUSION

BY **FREDA UTLEY**

EIGHTH INSTALMENT:

FOR months, our struggles to acquire a room of our own continued. For some weeks in the spring of 1932, we lived at the New Moscow Hotel. The manner in which it was secured for us revealed to me something of the corruption now rife in Soviet life.

The Communist in charge of rooms at the Commissariat of Foreign Trade had over and over again promised Arcadi this room or that, only to give it to someone else. Now we were determined to force the Commissariat to honour its contract.

Finally, Comrade X phoned the manager of the New Moscow Hotel. The manager of the hotel wanted a quid pro quo. He had been trying to get a Gort A ration book for one of his assistants not really entitled to it. If Comrade X would secure this for him, he would let us have a room at the hotel. But Comrade X only had a limited number of Gort A books to give away, and he wanted them for his own cronies. Getting a room for a non-Party man was a small return for the Gort A book, since a non-Party man had no patronage with which to pay for a room to live in.

Moving About

ARCADI went off to Philip, Rabinovitch, ex-chairman of Arcos in London, now high up in the Soviet ladder of success. Rabinovitch phoned Comrade X and told him to come up and talk to him. Finally we were saved. Reluctantly, Comrade X agreed to give the previous Gort A book to the Intourist manager's assistant in return for a room for our humble selves.

Our semi-luxurious existence in the New Moscow Hotel came to an end late in April. May Day was approaching, and we were told that all Russians (except, of course, the OGPU) must clear out to make way for the valuta-paying foreigners.

Eventually we secured the temporary use of two rooms on Ostojenska Street in the flat of Gavrilov, an old Party member we had known in England. For the first time since we went to Moscow we had two rooms in a modern flat.

After a few months of civilised existence on Ostojenska Street, the Gavrilovs returned, and we were once more homeless. Once again we got a room at the New Moscow Hotel.

There was a young American named Clark Foreman living in the hotel. He was in Russia studying social services for the Julius Rosenberg Foundation. Clark Foreman was one of the very few foreign visitors to

learn something of the inside realities of Soviet life.

Through him we were brought into somewhat unwilling contact with other foreigners.

Foreman later chose to ignore the lessons he had learned in Russia. In 1943 he became the organiser in New York for the Political Action Committee.

Moscow's Bohemia

OCCASIONALLY we went to parties, where one found foreigners trying to recreate the London and New York radical Bohemian atmosphere of hard drinking and easy loving.

Moscow's Bohemia was not that of struggling writers, journalists, poets, artists and students. It consisted of the fortunate, the doctrinaire and hard-boiled foreign Communists, and those foreigners of various kinds working in Moscow who were failures at home, which their own merits could never have secured for them.

They dined and wine on the produce bought at Iuzhnykh while most Russians were starving.

An English newspaperman, editor of the Moscow Daily News, who was now a debauched, fat little man, led the singing of songs, sometimes funny but usually just nasty. He was known to be a homosexual, and was later expelled from the Soviet Union for corrupting young men.

Miserable Winter

AMERICAN and English Communists went to Russia to seek an un-restrained Bohemian paradise while posing as revolutionaries. They quickly learned that life was too grim and earnest for erotic pleasures. Romance dissolved when they discovered that their mistresses were promptly enrolled by the secret police to spy upon them.

But, although our living conditions were far better than a year or two before, life for most people, in that winter of 1932-33, was more miserable than ever. The scanty meat and butter rations, which the Party workers were supposed to be able to buy, were usually unobtainable. Most Russians lived on black bread, millet and buckwheat.

New shops now opened up in one district after another—the Torgsin shops. Here one could buy better and more abundant supplies than anywhere else except in the Kremlovsky district—If one had gold or

foreign currency. Everyone who had the tiniest bit of gold—a ring, a bracelet, or jewels—could exchange it for Torgsin tokens and secure food.

The only snag was that the OGPU was also on the look-out for possessors of gold, and might at any moment arrest you and force you by torture to disgorge and hidden wealth you had. Torgsin was an outstanding example of the mixed system of terror and reward by which the Russian government seeks to increase its revenues.

The greatest source of income of the Torgsin shops were Jews with relatives in foreign countries who would send them a few dollars a month to save them from starvation. The percentage of Jewish people standing in the Torgsin queues was very high.

Anti-Semitism, though officially condemned, took a new lease of life when Russians saw Jewish neighbours cooking good food which they never had a chance to buy. A few years later, in the great purge, countless Jewish families suffered for their past enjoyment of a little food bought with money received from abroad.

Jews Arrested

BY 1936, it was held to be a crime to have relatives outside of Russia. The Torgsin shops had been closed down, and many Jews were arrested and sent to concentration camps for the "crime" of having corresponded with foreign relatives.

But from 1932 to 1935, the Soviet state was anxious to secure valuta—foreign exchange—at any cost and Torgsin served to produce a large revenue.

In fact, two or three dollars a month could ward off starvation, could enable the recipient to buy a little flour and fat at one-tenth of the prices paid for the same foods in Russian currency.

In that winter of 1932-33, the conditions of life for workers, peasants and employees became more and more terrible.

The workers could not easily be induced to accept Stalin's brand of socialism. Like the peasants, they migrated from place to place in search of a job with sufficient food and a room to live in.

The government retaliated with ever-increasing measures of compulsion.

First it introduced the work certificate to ensure the obedience of the working class to the all-powerful State and Party.

This certificate was like a criminal dossier. In it were written the social origins of each worker, any fines he paid, any crimes he had committed, and the reasons for his dismissal from his place of employment. If he could not show good cause for having lost his job, he was not to be allowed to work elsewhere. This meant starvation.

Unemployment relief was abolished. The unemployed were told to go wherever they were sent and to whatever job the State decreed.

Cruel Decree

ANOTHER cruel decree was punishing the worker by dismissal if he was absent for a single day from the factory. Even if ill, he must produce a certificate to show that he had a high temperature. Heavy fines were imposed for being a few minutes late for work, and a worker leaving his job or was dismissed immediately lost his own and his family's bread ration.

The workers had long since lost the right to strike. Stopping work was equivalent to treason. The trade unions were deprived of even the nominal right to negotiate wages, already lower in terms of purchasing power than they had been under the Tsar.

Even in 1936, the best year since the twenties, the price of bread was 15 times higher than in 1914, and the price of meat about 12 times higher. The cost of clothing had risen even more steeply. Yet Soviet statistics showed that the average wage had risen only fourfold.

All the penalties and terror could not prevent starving men from leaving their jobs. The Soviet press was filled with complaints about "flagrant violation of labour discipline."

Internal Passports

IN a final attempt to tie the hungry workers to their jobs, and the dissatisfied peasants to the collective farms, Stalin resorted to an old Tsarist police measure in a more universal and rigorous form. The internal passport system was revived.

Entire urban populations, as well as the peasants living near the large towns, had to secure residence permits. No one was allowed to move from the town or village in which he lived, even for a single night, without permission from the police.

Violation of the internal passport regulations swelled the millions of Russians condemned to forced labour in concentration camps. Slave labour had become an essential factor in the economy of Russia. And the life of a slave labourer working for the vast organisations controlled by the NKVD is indescribable in its inhumanity and brutality.

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I HAD MY HAIR DYED
by **David Niven**

I WAS playing the part of a man who aged suddenly from 28 to 75. Trying to look 28 when you are 38 was tough enough, but 75 was definitely tricky.

I tried all the normal ageing processes, such as staying up all night, but that just made me shake all over and forget my lines, so we ruled it out. I say "we" because, at this point, I have to introduce a character called Stephano, who is Goldwyn's head make-up artist.

This Stephano, triumphantly announced one day that he had hit upon a brilliant solution to the ageing problem. "We'll bleach the stuff so much," he said, "that it will photograph white." Upon inquiry, I learned that the stuff in question was my hair. So, for Art (and for Goldwyn) I allowed myself to be led off to a Hollywood beauty parlour, stripped to the waist and draped on a marble slab with about 20 women and girls, all as far as I could judge, similarly attired.

Anointed

THE head operator soon appeared with a filthy-smelling witch's brew which she stirred at arm's length and, with the same disdainful gesture as a wartime mess orderly doling out spoonfuls of watery mashed potatoes, she deposited this foul concoction on our heads.

My scalp started to froth and stir, and I began to feel uneasy. To cover up my apprehension, I plunged gaily into the normal gossip and slander of the beauty parlour, and even tried to raise a few useful telephone numbers from some of the neighbouring sheets.

Suddenly my head became almost unbearably prickly, and I had a terrible feeling that I was going to faint. "How long does this go on?" I asked the Head Witch. "Brother, you're here for the day," she said.

I began to feel panicky, and slightly sick. My sickness increased when I happened to catch sight of myself in a mirror, and there, peering forlornly at me, was a white-faced individual, draped in a shroud, and on top like a dirty yachting cap, a bank of pearl-grey scum.

After three hours of purgatory, which had been managed to endure by bribing one of the under-witches to slip a bottle of rum under my sheet, I was washed off and shown the result. It was dreadful.

Back Home

FULL horror of my predicament did not strike me till I reached home and my faithful bull terrier (a good watch-dog bit me in the leg). Inside the house, my wife just hooted with laughter, and my youngest son asked me when his daddy was coming home.

The rest of the week was misery. Finally, Stephano, who had gloomily shaken his head at each session in the torture chamber, delivered it as his considered opinion that we might just get away with it, but that it was a great disappointment to him.

Next there followed several weeks of work on the "old man" sequences of the film. I forgot about my hair till the last scene was shot, and the company dismissed.

Then I remembered it most vividly, but, as we left the sound stage, I saw Stephano's cut, swiveling out of the studio gates. It was piled high, I noticed, with suitcases and fishing rods. I didn't like the look of this.

Deserted

"WHERE is Stephano going?" I asked. "Oh, he's going off on his holiday," said his assistant. "After all, he's earned it." "What," I asked, "does the Studio intend to do about my hair, or am I supposed to go about looking like this for the rest of my life?"

"Well," said the assistant, "I'm not in any position to make decisions on matters of studio policy. Why don't you ask Mr. Goldwyn?" "Mr. Goldwyn," I replied icily, "is on an island in mid-Pacific called Honolulu." "Well, then," said the assistant, "make-up man hastily, 'If you'll excuse me I have to collect Miss Evelyn Keyes' eyelashes before she goes to Mexico. Be seeing you.'"

That night at home the telephone rang; it was a certain Mr. Hammacher-Schlemmer, one of the high officials of the studios. "David," he said, "I have great news for you. Mr. Goldwyn has made a deal with Sir Alexander Korda and you are off to England in three days to make 'The Elusive Pimpernel.'"

"After making all the right noises about that piece of news, I brought up the question of my hair. 'Oh—,' said Mr. Hammacher-Schlemmer, 'Mr. Korda, worry about that—you are his property now.'"

"But Korda doesn't have it on top of his head all day!" I yelled. "It is not with him on his pillow at night, and, furthermore, he doesn't get whistled at in the street like I do. Doesn't anybody know what to do with it?"

"Now, keep your hair on, David," said Mr. Hammacher-Schlemmer (a tactless piece of advice, I thought), "we'll work something out."

As I gloomily hung up the receiver, a vista of horror stretched before me. There I was, about to go home to England, to family and old friends, a blond—it was unthinkable. I hardly slept that night.

In the morning, Mr. Hammacher-Schlemmer rang up again. "It's okay, David, relax. It's all fixed, the beauty parlour will dye it back your own colour, and no one will know the difference."

So, back I went to the witches; back under the sheet, and yes, back to the rum bottle.

"It's a funny thing," said the Head Witch, "it's been so long since I did it that I can't remember what colour your hair was before."

"What I can," I said frostily, "is that a beautiful, glowing chestnut with several strands of spun gold that reflected the sunlight, and, furthermore, instead of being straight and apparently stone dead the way it is now, it was naturally and beautifully wavy."

"Yes, I remember now," she replied, "and there was also a certain amount of grey over the ears."

"Anyway," she continued, "as we forgot to take a sample before we bleached you, we'll have to make you Number 4, which is a sort of rich mouse-colour, and hope for the best."

Half & Half
SO the familiar routine began: the frothing scalp, the pins and needles, the nausea, the surreptitious nips from the rum bottle, and, finally, the washing off and unweaving.

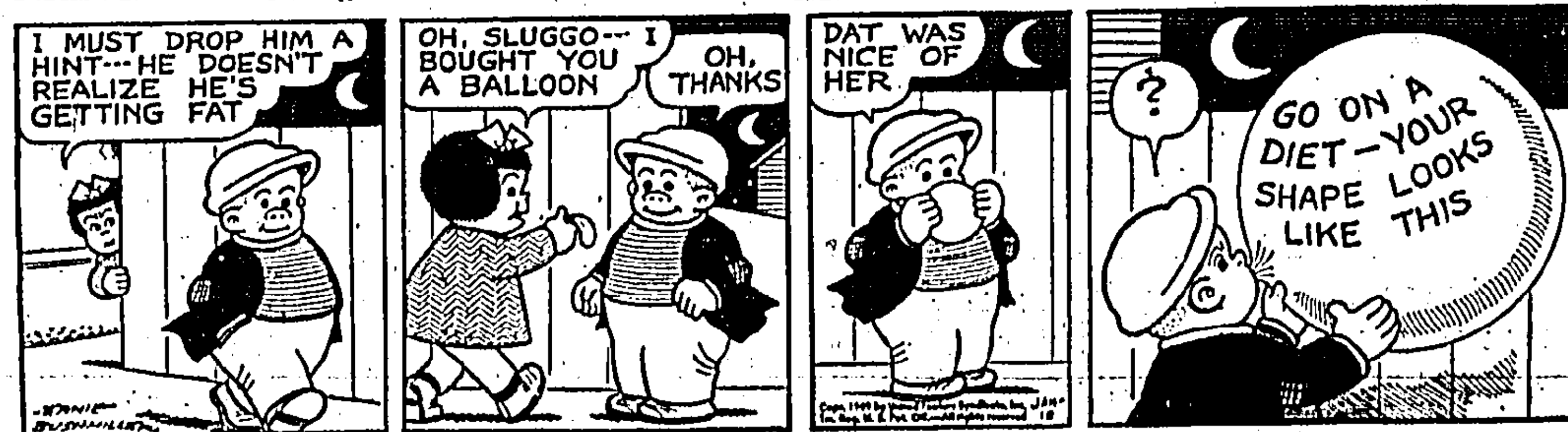
I gaped with horror, and clutched the witch's arm. On my head was a rug of jet-black horsehair. I tried to smile at myself in the mirror, and a Japanese general leered back at me. One of the sheets stirred sympathetically.

"I have just had a letter. It was from Stephano. He stated that he confidently expected to win an Academy Award for concealing the best make-up of 1948."

NANCY

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By Ernie Bushmiller



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Hongkong Tramways Ltd's \$3,700,000 Profit

"GREAT PROGRESS" REPORTED

The "great progress" made by the Hongkong Tramways Limited since the war was referred to at the annual meeting of the Company held in the board room of Messrs Jardine, Matheson this morning, with Mr Robert Gordon (Chairman) presiding.

Mr Gordon said that with the expected completion next week of the join-up between Causeway Bay terminus and King's Road the Colony would soon possess an absolutely first class arterial highway through this district.

Mr Gordon, in his speech, revealed that the tramways had carried 8,000,000 more passengers than the pre-war highest record. A profit of \$3,700,158 was reported for the year.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said: "The year 1948 has been an extremely satisfactory one from every point of view. By January 1949 we had achieved the provision of regular services just about equivalent to the 1941 average of 30 trams per hour. The year was maintained to the level of 99 cars in the month of December and at the present time the figure is 103."

Thus we have been able to carry some 8,000,000 passengers more than the pre-war highest record and, this, with a very marked improvement in the standard of service, has been achieved without any increase in the number of trams or cars."

During the recent Chinese New Year period, when a service of up to 100 cars was operated, nearly 2,000,000 passengers were carried in one week. This was a 30 per cent heavier traffic than for Chinese New Year 1948.

These new standards mark a level considerably higher than ever before attained. A schedule of 40 seconds headway throughout the central district is now maintained against the 1941 highest frequency of 45 seconds. All past records for mileage run, consumption of power, tickets issued in their several classifications, passengers per car-mile and total traffic carried have been left far behind; with the particular feature, entirely contrary to the pre-war relationship, that the most notable increase has been in first class traffic, which currently registers a proportion of almost one-half of the whole.

Twenty-one and a half million more passengers were carried than in the preceding year and 50 per cent of this increase is represented by additional first class passengers, although out expanded operations provided, proportionately, greater additional third class accommodation.

SCHOLARS' TICKET
Popularity of our special monthly ticket is unabated. There are now 37 percent regular users of this ticket than in 1941 and the nominal cost of holders grows from month to month. Similar to the first class military ticket, a half-fare children's ticket was introduced in September.

Inclusively, although the latter ticket was current during only four months of the year 1948, 13,000,000 passengers availed themselves of these concessions. Conforming to pre-war practice it is the intention, shortly, to issue a similarly reduced-rate scholars' ticket.

Although we are still handicapped to some extent in the matter of the supply of electrical equipment, I am glad to report that, generally speaking, the delay in obtaining supplies to which I referred last year has been substantially relieved.

Consequently, the first three new trams, intended for use as far back as 1945 are now in service, the remainder in course of workshop assembly; and, provided up-to-date delivery promises for some still-outstanding components are honoured, it is expected to have completed the full rehabilitation of all stock and new units up to a total of 118 service cars by autumn, 1949. Equipment orders for bringing into commission six further cars have also been placed.

In connection with this development, I should mention that considerable expenditure is being incurred in technical, safety device and constructional modernisation, including a standardised replacement in traction-motor specification, entrance and exit control and air-powered braking. Air brakes additional to the rheostatic brakes are now fitted to 65 per cent of our cars. Outstanding deliveries of this equipment for the remainder will be reaching us during the summer months.

NEW ROADWAY

In addressing you last year I made particular mention of the projected realignment of a new roadway along the Causeway Bay section at raised levels. Our construction of an entirely re-laid track and permanent-way foundations over this road began in the month of Government work in October. Join-up between Causeway Bay terminus and King's Road of the new eastbound track was effected on the 6th inst. with commencement of uninterrupted two-way through traffic. Our part of the work in this undertaking is expected to be completed next week and the Colony will shortly possess an absolutely first class arterial highway through this district.

During the year Wongsheichong Road track in vicinity of the Jockey Club was centrally re-laid so as to permit a better flow of traffic in that area. It is soon expected to commence conversion of some remaining single track to double track at the eastern end of Shaukiwan Road and, having at last attained essential rail supplies, work will also proceed on other track sections awaiting renewal attention.

On the development programme just mentioned, that is to say, installation of super-efficiency electrical equipment, additional trams and permanent way development, your Company will have to face an expenditure of some \$3,000,000 of which possibly one-half will be laid out during 1949.

INCREASED COST

Owing to the augmented facilities offering throughout the year there was an increase of 24 percent in traffic receipts. In this regard it must be noted that direct working expenses—now 500 percent higher than the pre-war basis—are still in the ascendency. Your Company is today employing a labour force over 70 percent numerically greater than in 1941. The wage factor of costs alone now bears a relationship of one-third to earnings, a considerably higher ratio than ever before; while our consumption of electrical energy costs over three times the pre-war expense.

Nevertheless, improvement is reflected in the balance brought in to Profit and Loss from Working Account. After allowing for Depreciation, Taxation and Donations, and crediting supplementary income, Net Profit for the year is \$3,700,158, of which \$216,328 is derived from Investment and sundry sources. This result is \$1,204,351 better than shown for the year 1947.

Adding the balance of \$241,739 carried forward from the previous account, an amount of \$3,941,897 stands for appropriation. A 55-cent interim Dividend subject to tax, absorbing \$965,250, was paid in September. Your Directors have transferred the sum of \$545,985 to General Reserve and \$350,000 to Special Contingencies Account as further provision against increasing liabilities devolving upon service terminations under labour employment conditions. Additionally, \$450,000 has been allocated to Development and Obsolescence Reserve. This new reserve is created in accordance with present-day accounting practice to care for certain fixed assets which, due to inflated replacement costs, cannot now be covered for renewal by normal depreciation and assets which, although serviceable in use, may for technical reasons be superseded by new equipment before extinction in value over the relative written-down life.

The recommendation before the meeting of a Final Dividend of \$1.00 per share less tax will leave, after the foregoing, a balance to next year of \$75,702. Turning to the Balance Sheet, I would explain that the sum of \$154,115 credited in General Reserve Account is a capital surplus realised against written-down book value upon Crown resumption, under The Aired Extension & Reversion Ordinance 1948, of land formerly owned at Kai Tak.

Special Contingencies provision as shown in the last issued accounts covered reservations both for the new passenger employment service, already mentioned, and for accruing Taxation. These items are now set out in the present Balance Sheet as separate headings.

MARGIN NARROWED

Among the assets it will be observed that Investment Account has been increased by \$542,910 and, also, that, in comparison to year-end quotations, the margin, though quite satisfactory, has narrowed upon decline in stock market values since last year. Additions in the asset House & Other Property arise upon continued reclamation, now reaching completion, of staff residential premises commenced in 1948 as reported at intervening Annual Meetings.

The improvement in our supply position is evidenced by the totals of Stocks on hand and Goods in Transit aggregating over \$1,000,000 against just over \$400,000 at this time a year ago. We are shortly to lose two long serving senior officials, Mr W. Walker, Chief Engineer & Assistant Manager, and Mr H. W. Hammond, Traffic Superintendent, are both retiring this year after 28 years

service. Mr Walker and Mr Hammond will leave with the Company's full appreciation of their long and devoted services and the good wishes of all their colleagues. In conclusion I think these present would wish me to express congratulations to all ranks in the Company's service upon the highly satisfactory outcome in every respect of a year of work well done.

I now propose the following Resolution:—
"That, the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1948, as presented, be adopted, and that a final dividend of \$1.00 per share less tax, hereby declared, be paid for the year 1948."

SECONDER'S SPEECH

Seconding the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, Mr A. H. Penn said:

Your review, Sir, of the operations and work which have been carried out in the year 1948 and the indications which you give us of further considerable development in progress, certainly reflect maintenance of the very great progress our Company has made in the post-war years. Members, I feel sure, will join me in congratulating the Directors and all in the Company's service upon these gratifying results.

I would like to associate myself with your remarks in regard to the retirement from the Company of Mr Walker and Mr Hammond and, here again, I feel that all members will wish me to express the hope that their long years of service will be rewarded by many happy years of retirement.

I now have much pleasure in seconding the resolution for the adoption of the Report and Accounts as proposed by the Chairman.

RE-ELECTIONS

On the proposal of Mr C. N. Kong, seconded by Mr J. T. Chow, the Hon Sir Man-kam Lo and Mr H. D. Benham were re-elected Directors.

Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed auditors, at the remuneration of £5,000, on the proposal of Mr C. N. Kong, seconded by Mr I. F. Aucott.

Present at the meeting were Mr Robert Gordon (Chairman), the Hon Sir Man-kam Lo, Mr S. Shouson, Mr N. O. C. Marsh, Mr H. D. Benham (Directors), Mr W. P. Simmons (General Manager), Mr W. H. Paterson (Secretary), and the following shareholders: Major C. W. L. Ward, Messrs E. Grant, Smith, James, T. Chow, C. C. Blake, C. N. Kong, I. F. Aucott, A. H. Penn, A. Piercey, A. E. Ellis, H. J. Young and Henry S. Leung.

Governor To Inaugurate Rediffusion

Rediffusion will be officially inaugurated at 7.15 p.m. today when H.E. the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, is to speak from the newly-erected studios of Broadcast Relay Service (Hongkong) Ltd., at the corner of Hennessy Road and Arsenal Street, Wanchai.

To mark the occasion, a large number of guests have been invited to a cocktail party this evening at the studios.

The first artist to broadcast from the studios after the inauguration will be six-year-old Wu Shuk-ying, daughter of Mr Wu Shun-tak, manager of the Queen's Theatre. She will give a short piano recital.

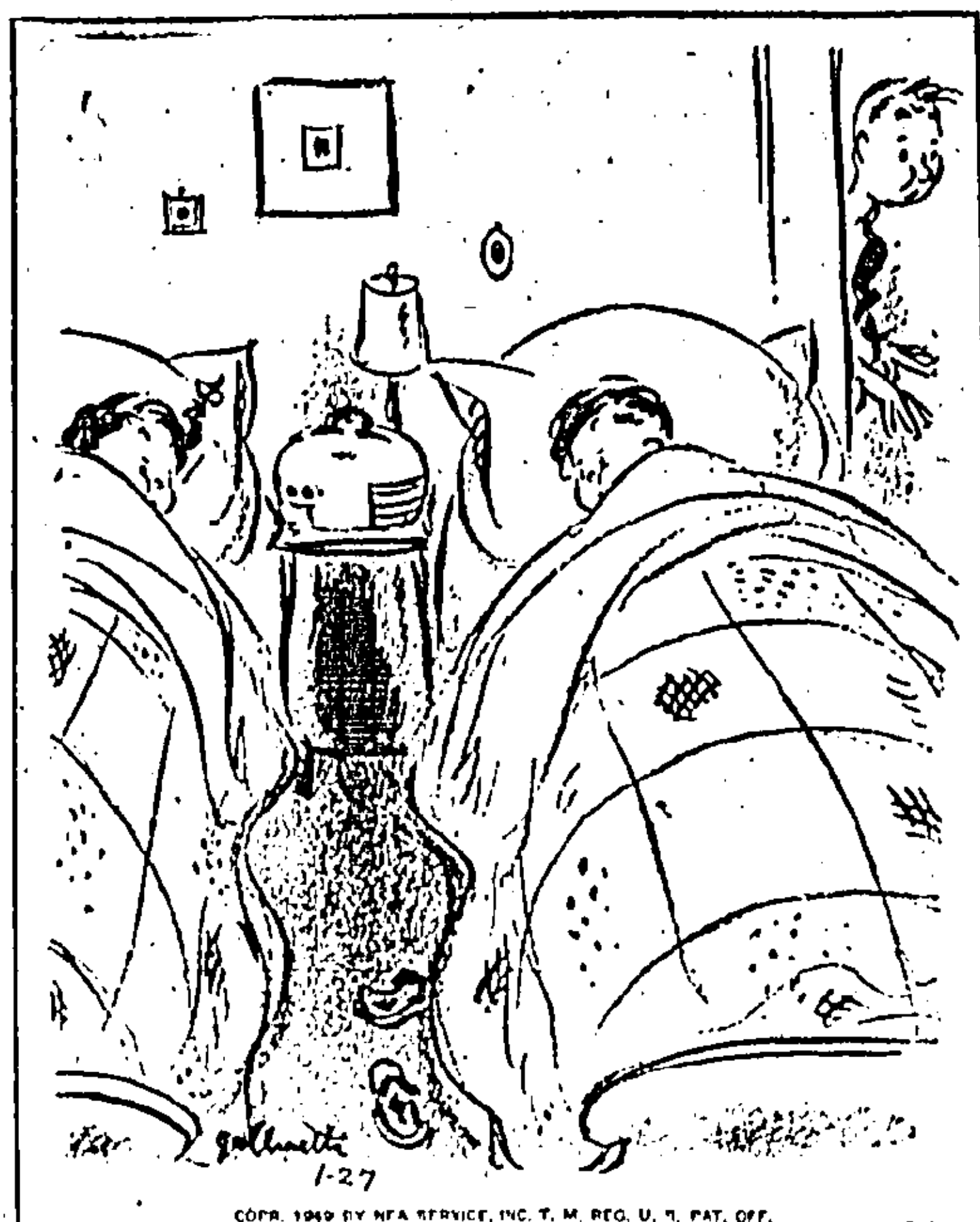
Although the service officially begins tonight, experimental programmes have been relayed to subscribers for over a week. Both the type of programmes supplied and quality of reception have drawn favourable comment.

NO CHINA PEACE TALKS YET

Shanghai, Mar. 22.—Veteran diplomat Mr W. Yen, head of the recent unofficial Shanghai peace delegation to Peking, does not think peace talks between the Nationalists and the Reds will be started before April. Once the talks begin, Yen says, they probably will drag on for at least two months. But he is confident peace will be achieved because "both sides need peace."—Associated Press.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I'm scared, too, but don't call Dad! He'll be sore because we switched from the nursery tales to this murder program!"

Atlantic Pact May Cause Russia To Leave UN

London, Mar. 21.—Observers here believe that the Soviet Union will take step at the next United Nations meeting—beginning at Lake Success on April 5—to condemn the North Atlantic Pact as incompatible with its Charter.

This would be done with the implied threat that if the United Nations approved the terms of the pact, Russia would no longer consider that it was serving the purpose for which it was created at San Francisco, and would have to consider withdrawing from the organisation.

Surgeon's Successful Appeal

Wrong Diagnosis Not Negligence

London, Mar. 21.—A surgeon, who was said to have wrongly diagnosed in 1942 that a patient, an American, would die of cancer in a few months, today appealed successfully against a £6,300 damages award.

The surgeon, Mr John Bowman Hunter, had been ordered to pay the damages to Mr James Forbes Whiteford, Mr Whiteford complained in the original action that Mr Hunter, and Dr Seymour Gleed had wrongly diagnosed his condition.

As a result of the diagnosis, Mr Whiteford gave up his flat, sold his business and belongings in England and returned to the United States. He was seen by a surgeon in New York, who found no evidence of cancer.

Mr Justice Birkett held that Mr Hunter was negligent in making his diagnosis and awarded Mr Whiteford £2,000 general damages and £4,300 special damages. He dismissed the case against Dr Gleed.

Today, Mr Hunter appealed against these findings.

Lord Justice Asquith, giving the appeal judgment, said the question was whether Mr Hunter, in making a mistake, was guilty of negligence. There was a cross appeal by Mr Whiteford from the decision of Mr Justice Birkett in dismissing the action against Dr Gleed. This was dismissed with costs.

Leave to appeal to the House of Lords—the highest Appeal Court—was granted in respect of the appeal and the cross appeal.—Reuter.

Lashio Retaken

Rangoon, Mar. 21.—The Burmese government today said it has retaken the Northern town of Lashio from rebel forces "without casualties."

The report said Lashio was held by an insurgent offshoot of the PVO (People's Voluntary Organisation), which also holds the Northern mining town of Namtu.

Another report said Communist prisoners broke out of gaol in Karen-held Mandalay and attacked two police stations in the neighbouring district of Rongyala, but were beaten off with heavy losses.—Associated Press.

16 Year-Old Girl Found Murdered

Milwaukee, Mar. 21.—The police are searching for the missing sister of 16-year-old Patricia Birmingham, attractive high school student whose body was found weighted with a concrete block in the Milwaukee River.

Her sister, Kathleen, 17, has been absent from home since Friday, when she left a note saying she was eloping. Her parents reported the note said that Kathleen was running away with a 10-year-old youth and she took her complete wardrobe with her.

The police said they saw no direct connection between the disappearance and the slaying, but admitted they were "particularly interested" in questioning the young couple.

Four boys, all about Patricia's age, have been questioned by the police. Six others were summoned for questioning. Detectives said Patricia apparently had been killed by "someone her own age, whom she knew very well." However, they learned very little from the youths questioned.

The body was taken from the river on Sunday by a fireboat crew who were searching for another woman who had leaped from the bridge during the day.—United Press.

Govt. Ban On Processions

(Continued from Page 1)

time did the police use or draw their truncheons. About 400 police were employed in keeping order.

Replying to a barrage of questions from Members, The Home Secretary said three months was the maximum limit prescribed by the law for his order, adding: "But political processions have taken place in this country for a great number of years and it is to be regretted that two alien organisations coming in to conflict on this issue should make one of the traditional ways of expressing public opinion in our fellow citizens."

Meanwhile, 23 people, including two women, appeared at the North London Magistrate's Court today on charges ranging from insulting language and obstruction to assaulting the police. Eleven of them, including a 17-year old girl typist accused of striking a policeman in the face and body with her fists, were remanded.

Ten were fined sums of from £5 to £10. The other two cases were adjourned.

Extra police guarded the buildings when the cases were heard.—Reuter.

OUTWARD MAILS.

Commencing from Monday, March 21, the outward air mail to United Kingdom will be closed on Mondays and Thursdays at 4.30 p.m. and on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. (registered mail half an hour earlier).

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcels close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. It must be closed before 10 a.m. registered and parcel post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mail is closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22
Closing Times By Air:
Swatow, Amoy, Ningbo & Taiching, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, 5 p.m.
Manila, Honolulu, USA & Canada, 5 p.m.
Air Parcel Post for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (CFO) 4.30 p.m.
Ordinary Airmail (Printed Matters, Samples & Small Parcel Post) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, (CFO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.
Bangkok, 5 p.m.
Singapore, 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea:
Transit via Canton, 5 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Sydney, 5 p.m. (part reg. & ord.)
Straits, Ceylon, Madagascar, Aden, Egypt and United Kingdom via London, 5 p.m. (part)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23
Closing Times By Air:
Swatow and Amoy, 6.30 a.m. (reg); 9 a.m. (ord.)
Shanghai, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord.)
Manila, 12.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Ningbo, Taiching, Swatow, Amoy, Tainan and Foochow, 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea:
Honolulu, Noon.
Straits, Ceylon, Madagascar, Aden, Egypt and United Kingdom via London, 9.30 a.m. (reg); 10 a.m. (ord.)
USA, Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcel Post for Canada), 2 p.m.
Japan, 2 p.m.
Manila, Macassar, Mauritius and South Africa via Durban, 3 p.m.
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta, 3 p.m.
Halifax, 3 p.m.
Swatow, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24
Closing Times By Air:
Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Alexandria, Nairobi, Johannesburg and Marseilles via Alexandria) Home and London, (CFO) 4.30 p.m. (GPO) 5 p.m.
Bangkok, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 5 p.m.

St. Johns, Newfoundland, Mar. 21.—The Eagle, hunting in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, today reported a total of 9,000 seals in six days killing, claimed to be a record.—Reuter.

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GOLDEN GLOVES

Ramsey Bucks To Concede 8 Lbs. To Bob Pulling

By "KAYO CURLY"

When Ramsey Bucks, the Shanghai fighter and former Hongkong featherweight champion, goes into the ring against Bob Pulling of the Royal Navy at the China Fleet Club Theatre on the evening of April 2 in the main event of the Golden Gloves Boxing Association, he will be conceding some eight lbs.

Pulling, who is now in the middleweight class, is slimming down to 142 lbs. to meet Bux. If he fails to make the weight, P. O. Scullings of HMS "London" will pinch-hit for him.

Promoter Jim Rainey promises to treat local boxing fans to an evening of top-notch boxing with a seven-bout programme and a weight-lifting exhibition thrown in.

The fight of the season will be the main event of Rainey's classy programme. Bob Pulling, pride of the Royal Navy who has blazed a trail of glory in the local boxing world, will be mixing leather with the Colony's only Ramsey Bucks, local featherweight champion in 1941 and son of the late "Iron" Bux, former champion of the Orient in all classes from the bantam to the middleweight.

This bout is the boxing match fight-hungry fans have been awaiting a long time. Two speedy, crafty, and slugging ring gladiators will go all out for six three-minute rounds to uphold their individual laurels.

STRING OF VICTORIES

Pulling has so far taken on all comers and has a whole string of victories to his name. He is a muscular and experienced boxer who is naturally gifted in the ring.

All his challengers have been beaten on points and there are few fighters in the Colony who have stood up to his speedy, tigerlike onslaught. This Navy favourite is the champion of champions. His impressive record speaks volumes. Pulling has held the following titles during his ring career:

Royal Navy Champion of Great Britain—
Featherweight 1937
Lightweight 1938
Southern Division Champion of Great Britain
Lightweight 1939
Mediterranean Fleet Champion—
Lightweight 1941/43
Inter-Services Welter and Middleweight Champion—
1947/48.

Pulling is now in the middleweight class but expects to bring his fighting weight down to 142 lbs. when he clashes with Bucks. The Navy better has had eight victories in the local ring and is looking forward to his scrap with the hard-hitting Bucks.

He is hard in training for the biggest fight of his local career. Rumours from reliable sources are that this will be Pulling's last fight in the Colony as he will be leaving the Hongkong Station in June.

RAMSEY BUCKS

Ramsey Bucks needs no introduction to local fight fans, who still remember his brilliant boxing exhibitions in 1941 when he took all challengers in his stride. Bucks first started his fight career in 1937 and had a class record before Pearl Harbour.

He scored a great victory when he annexed the local featherweight title in 1941. Bucks was in Macao during the Japanese invasion and was pitted against the flashy Kid Pedruco in a 10-round bout which he won on points after a thrilling slugfest.

Considering that Pulling just managed to eke out a narrow points victory over the same but more seasoned Pedruco last year, Bucks should be able to hold his own against the best the Navy can offer.

Bucks was in Shanghai during the 1947-48 fight season and during his brief career in that Northern port he had nine bouts—a gruelling grind for any boxer.

Ramsey's Shanghai record is six victories against three points setbacks. He scored a kayo in one of his encounters and was always a very popular fighter in Shanghai's cosmopolitan boxing world.

Ramsey returned to the Colony just a fortnight ago and has been undergoing extensive

training under the guidance of Trainer Skelly Razack.

He hopes to scale 134 lbs. for his Pulling deal, thus conceding a clean 12 lbs. or more to the Colony star. Bucks, however, expects to dish up a thrill-a-second bout when he tosses leather with Pulling.

He is fast and aggressive and stalks his prey warily, looking for the kill patiently but with dynamic in his fists. This battle should attract a capacity crowd to the China Fleet Club and fans should buy their tickets early to avoid a rush on fight night.

Matchmaker Jim Rainey has another opponent for Bucks in the event Pulling cannot get down to the 142-lb limit. P. O. Scullings of HMS "London" will take on Bucks in a pinch-hit for Pulling if the latter is over-weight.

OTHER BOUTS

There are six other bouts on the card.

"Speedy" Morales, promising bantam hope, will grapple with A/B Burns, Navy Champion, in a three-round event while Al Maltig will also be seen in action.

Leading Writer Fowler, who hails from the Pulling camp, will tangle with A/B Ray in another tussle.

Youthful Lew Hon-kong, trained by Bill Storie, former middleweight champion of Great Britain, will climb through the ropes to uphold his reputation against A/B Priest, a newcomer to the Colony.

Besides the flat fights, there will be weight-lifting exhibition by Sando Knige of the L. Knige Institute.

The Golden Gloves sponsors have arranged a boxing card to satisfy the palates of even the hungriest fight fan. They look forward to being host to a capacity crowd on April 2.

MORE TO COME

While preparations are under way for this boxing show, the return bout between Jim Rainey and endeavouring to throw Charlie "Brown Bomber" Thompson, local killer of the ropes, into the same ring with Bucks in the near future.

Rainey is also trying to match Bucks and Kid Pedruco in a return bout. Local boxing fans may expect a keen revival of boxing in weeks to come.

FIRST "OPEN" LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Professionals & Amateurs May Play Together

New York, Mar. 21.—The first world open lawn tennis championship may be held in the United States in September, with \$30,000 offered as prize money for professionals.

Mr Lloyd Douglas, Director of the Save-the-Child Foundation International Agency, which helps bring displaced persons' children from Europe, said he planned to invite 32 of the world's top professional and amateur players to participate.

The site of the event would be either New York, Chicago or Los Angeles. Mr Douglas said that Jerry Adler, of the Professional Lawn Tennis Association, had already given his consent and he would ask the United States Amateur Lawn Tennis Association for approval this week.

Amateurs would receive expense money and appropriate trophies according to Mr Douglas's plans, while \$8,000 would go to the champion if a professional wins.

Other prizes for professionals would be runner-up \$4,000, losing semi-finalists \$2,000 and four unsuccessful quarter-finalists \$1,000. Other professionals

COLONY BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUNIOR MATCHES STILL HOLD

Team Of Wrestlers Wants To Visit Hongkong

In town at the moment on a scouting visit to see what possibilities there are to stage professional wrestling matches here is the Junior Heavyweight Wrestling Champion of the Orient, Michael "Curly" Connors.

"Curly" Connors, who is an Australian, hailing from Sydney, came in the other day by the "General Gordon" from Honolulu where he had fought Leo Wallick, Basher MacDonald and Bucky O'Neill and is now rushing back for a series of engagements in Singapore and Batavia.

He hopes to return here in four months' time and bring with him King Kong, "Smiling" George Zbiako, Ali Riza Bey and "Tiger" Joginder for a series of exhibitions in Hongkong.

"Curly" Connors doesn't look like a Junior. Wrestling heavyweights are separated by a line drawn across the 215 lb. limit, all those above being Senior Heavyweights and those below being Junior Heavyweights. Senior Heavyweights go up to 300 lbs. and more.

"Curly" is leaving tomorrow for Singapore.

PLAYERS AGREE

Seven Golf Clubs Are Sufficient

London, Mar. 21.—Seven golf clubs are sufficient, according to 50 percent of the golfers who expressed an opinion following the English Golf Union's survey.

Fifty percent were against a limitation to seven, although quite a number thought that a limit of eight or nine would not be harmful to the performance of players whose clubs at present number anything up to the maximum limit of 14.

What was most interesting was the fact that competitors held, at the suggestion of the English Golf Union, with a limit of seven clubs, indicated that the scoring was quite as low as would be obtained when playing with a full set.

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club, which controls the game, is to be advised of the English Union's survey of its clubs and associations.

Chief support for a limitation to seven came from the Artisan's Association and the Public Golf Courses' Association. This is not surprising when remembering that the players concerned usually carry their own clubs and so make the weight as little as possible.

EXPENSIVE CADDIES

More ordinary club members may come round to a similar view if the expense of caddies grows. The 20 shillings a day asked nowadays by caddies, for simply carrying the bag of clubs, compares adversely with the few shillings before the war.

What is more, the caddies of those days were generally keen on the game and offered valuable advice on the course.

Cambridge Pay For The Cocktails

Hoyle, England, Mar. 21.—Oxford University reserves beat Cambridge two matches to one in a golfing contest yesterday on the eve of the 60th Annual Golf Match between the two universities.

The defeat meant that Cambridge had to pay for a cocktail party held Sunday night.

Oxford's first team, including six veterans from last year, are favourites to win tomorrow. Their side includes two American golfers, Frank Tatum, jr. of Los Angeles, and Buckley Whitlash, of Charlottesville, Virginia. — Associated Press.

GRAND NATIONAL CALLOVER

London, Mar. 21.—Odds against the six leading Grand National fanciers were cut at the Victoria Club here tonight.

This move was expected as most of them have been coupled in big doubles with the winning Lincolnshire Handicap favourite, Fair Judgment.

Most of the money was for Lord Midway's Cromwell, who hardened to five to one. At the last callover on the race, which is to be run on Saturday at Aintree, near Liverpool, he was eight to one.

It is 22 years since the favourite won this world famous steeplechase. In 1927 Mrs M. Partridge's Sprig, first choice at eight to one, was successful.

QUOTATIONS

The full prices quoted tonight were:

5 to 1 Cromwell.
100 to 8 Clonensis.
100 to 6 Roi Mond.
18 to 1 Happy Home.
20 to 1 Bricet.
22 to 1 Royal Mount.
25 to 1 Cavallero.
28 to 1 Ulster Monarch and Platypus.
33 to 1 Flaming Steel.
40 to 1 Rowland Roy.
Monaveen, Bruno, Royal Cottage and Aethon Major.
50 to 1 Brighter Sandy.
60 to 1 others.

—Reuter.

THE LIMELIGHT Player Worn Off The Court In Quarter-Final

By "SIDELINER"

The juniors continue to hold the limelight in the Colony Badminton Championships. One of the best singles matches yet seen, the Senior Division not excepted, came in the quarter-final of the Junior Open Singles last night as J. A. Soares literally ran K. S. Thong off the court.

Those who saw the match will remember for many a day a display of indomitable "guts" on the one hand and an exhibition of masterly strategy on the other.

Employing tactics which were meant to tire his opponent, Soares actually ran Thong to a standstill, so much so that Thong had to retire in the deciding set when leading 9-6, exhausted to the point where he was unable to continue.

Right from the start the two played a smashing game with no quarter asked or given. Both have the hardest overhead smash in the Junior Division and it is still a debatable point who has the harder one.

However, whereas Soares was content to use his sparingly, Thong attempted to smash on every other stroke.

In the initial game, Soares ran into a 9-0 and then 7-1 lead through Thong's over-smashing. Thong erred in the first game and used up much of his energy.

The smashes that went in were returned by Soares who forced Thong to advance to the net to retrieve the returns whereupon Soares would lob for the back court and Thong would then attempt a smash on the run. The first game eventually went to Soares 15-4.

The second game again saw Soares running up a lead of 8-1. Both were revealing in their smashes with Soares the more accurate of the two.

Thong began to feel the pace and appeared breathless at this period. Soares changed his game at this point, attempting short returns to force Thong to run.

Through his misjudging his drops and the sudden recovery of Thong who apparently had obtained his second wind, the score was levelled at 8-8 and then Thong forged into the lead at 12-9 with some fine overhead smashes.

Thong appeared to find Soares' backhand the weakest link in his armour and constantly placed his shots to the back-hand corner. Thong led 14-11 through more smashing but at this point he seemed to be "out on his feet" and playing on "fats" alone.

The score crept to 14-13 when Thong suddenly came to life and smashed the shuttle to the backhand corner to win the second game 15-13.

The ten minutes interval seemed to have done Thong a world of good.

WHIRLWIND TACTICS

He started in a whirlwind fashion, winning points by sheer power. Soares began to lob and was content to keep the shuttle in play.

With Thong leading 8-2 Soares unleashed several of his tremendous smashes intermingled with drops and cross-court drives which kept the tired Thong on the run.

With the score 4-9 against him, Soares employed his drops to his advantage and won two more points to trail 6-9.

At this point Thong, evidently overcome by fatigue, retired and conceded the match to Soares.

It was truly a magnificent display by winner and loser alike, but one must not retract from the merit of Soares' win as he proved himself a very versatile player indeed and able to adapt himself to the conditions of the game. On that point alone he deserved his victory.

SOARES V. CHONG

Another Junior Singles quarter-final match, was between R. M. Soares and K. P. Chong which resulted in a win for Chong at 15-5, 15-2.

This game was in contrast with the other Singles game wherein, at the most, there were four overhead smash strokes, all of them made by Chong.

Soares was content with playing his opponent's game of placements but he lacked the accuracy and judgment of his adversary.

Chong was the stender player and placed his shots at will, while Soares did not have full command of his strokes though every once in a while he pulled off a marvellous recovery which left Chong looking on in bewilderment.

Had Soares relied more on his smashing, in which department he is very competent, he might have pulled the game out of the fire and brought off minor upset.

JUNIOR MIXED DOUBLES

C. Quinn & Miss Yolly Franco proved themselves the pair to be watched last evening in defeat-

ON THE RECORD

Are Cricketers Athletes?

Are cricketers athletes? The question was answered very much in the affirmative in the University sports when four members of the University 1st XI won six individual championships—the 100 and 220 yards, long jump, shot put, discus and javelin throws—and scored a total of 87 points between them, more than enough to win the Inter-Collegiate Championship had there been a contest reserved strictly for cricketers.

In addition, Professor Rido won the Staff Race and two 2nd XI players, Gerhard Wagner, who scored 33 points in all, and Miss Valerie Beeching, who scored 20 (second in the shot put), were also prize-winners.

Of the First XI players, Norman Lo, recently promoted, won the 100 yards, Dick Hanson won the 220, T. H. Lean won the long jump and shot put and Charles Hannay won the discus and javelin throws.

Of the other members of the 1st XI, D. Chelliah is one of the best hockey forwards in the Colony and S. A. Vannar is a star badminton player. That leaves J. C. Koh and one or two others. Jaysee, in sports other than cricket, remains content as unofficial press relations officer.

Recreo's "Spotty" Pereira qualified yesterday to play for the "Over 40s." That hardly makes him a veteran of local cricket but it is quite a curious fact today that most of our players have their school days a good 15 to 20 years behind them.

In five years' time, most of Recreo's team will have passed 40 and the situation is not dissimilar in most other clubs. The reason for this is the absence of that type of keen spirit that the late Rev C. B. R. Sargent used to infuse into school cricket in his reign as Headmaster of the Diocesan Boys' School.

Touching on "Spotty" Pereira, one cannot pass over his wife, Peggy, who is Recreo's scorer, but not the only feminine scorer in the First Division.

Peggy Pereira has been ragged all season in a concerted effort to convince her that she improves on Spotty's averages by putting the runs knocked off him on the analysis of one or other of the bowling Gossanos.

Having been fairly responsible, I must finally stand in defence of her and admit that the Gossanos' bowling averages remain their own. Peggy is scrupulously fair to all members of the Recreo team but I have a feeling that she would like to see more of the color-baiting that there was a look of triumph on her face the other day when Spotty carried his bat for nine.

—"RECORDER".

League Cricket Averages

BATTING:

	Inn.	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Aver.
G. N. Gosano (Recreo)	17	6	490	62	45.27
A. M. Prata (Recreo)	14	5	387	85	43.00
L. F. Stokes (Scorpions)	19	2	593	110	42.35
J. M. Gosano (University)	14	3	417	122	37.90
I. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	12	6	213	50	25.38
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	11	1	329	85	32.90
Major A. R. Dawe (Army)	13	3	309	70	30.90
R. W. Franklin (Optimists)	15	3	350	81	29.93
Dr. E. L. Gosano (Recreo)	14	4	284	70	28.40
L. D. Kilbee (Optimists)	15	2	340	85	28.74
W. M. Davidson (KCC)	9	1	209	63	25.70
N. R. Oliver (Optimists)	15	0	369	84	24.60
G. J. Kerr (Scorpions)	15	0	282	52	22.80
G. A. Souza (Craigengower)	10	4	277	40	23.08
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	12	3	203	67	22.55
D. Chelliah (University)	14	0	305	81	21.78
L. G. Gossano (Recreo)	14	2	253	50	21.08
A/C J. S. Boime (RAF)	13	2	210	71	19.00
G. T. Rowe (Optimists)	16	1	270	81	18.60
M. J. Little (Optimists)	15	1	250	50	17.85
Major C. H. Murray-Brown (Army)	15	2	208	42	15.84
A. Zimara (KCC)	17	0	264	42	15.52
M. Hart-Baker (KCC)	15	0	222	60	14.80
A. R. Abbas (IRC)	17	3	205	48	14.64
S. Ramehand (Craigengower)	17	0	218	53	12.82
M. I. Razack (IRC)	16	0	201	45	12.56

* Not Out. Qualification: 200 runs.

BOWLING:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
S. M. Teh (University)	16.6	26	545	30	18.18
T. Crabtree (Craigengower)	23.4	41	735	42	17.50
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	9.4	6	321	22	14.60
A. el Arzouli (IRC)	15.2	35	501	34	14.73
A. L. Smith (Optimists)	10.7	20	349	24	14.54
A. K. Ismail (IRC)	10.5	17	347	24	14.45
P. J. Billimoria (CCC)	25.1	41	839	64	13.10
R. E. Lee (KCC)	15.1	26	444	35	12.68
D. McLellan (Optimists)	80.1	9	290	23	12.60
CPO L. White (Royal Navy)	193.5	30	550	44	12.19
T. P. Mhion (Optimists)	19.4	32	602	52	11.57
F/O E. N. Gambrill (RAF)	14.3	29	399	36	11.08
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	21.3	60	578	53	10.90
Cpl. A. Hodgson (RAF)	120.5	29	350	33	10.60
G. N. Gosano (Recreo)	103.3	22	297	28	10.60
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	65	5	278	27	10.29
Lt A. Steple (Army)	135.2	25	411	42	9.78
A. P. Pereira (Recreo)	230.4	62	670	70	9.57
A/C D. Graham (RAF)	121.4	15	428	40	8.91
J. C. Koh (University)	181.3	57	380	45	8.44
Dr. E. L. Gosano (Recreo)	70.4	18	231	30	7.70
L/Cpl J. S. Boime (Army)	164.1	42	424	50	7.57
Gnr D. Banton (Army)	81	29	204	27	7.53
Cpl Harj (Royal Navy)	81	29	204	27	7.53

Qualification: 20 wickets.

Is A Professional Only Two Notches Higher Than A Flunkey?

By VERNON MORGAN

London, Mar. 21.—The amateur versus professional question has cropped up again. In Britain, John Daniel, a former English cricket selector and President of the Somerset County Club, has been pleading for the retention of amateurs in cricket, while across the Atlantic in the United States, a well known sports columnist has said that a professional in Britain is "only two notches higher than a flunkey."

Mr. Daniel, 70 years of age and one of the "Old School," said that it was ridiculous to think of a professional captaining England at cricket and the professionals did not want to.

He said that the amateurs must remain and the only way to keep him was to reduce the number of County matches. If the amateur disappeared, he was afraid that cricket would develop into something like League football, which would be bad for the game.

The American columnist was warning American professional lawn tennis players coming to Britain that they would have to get used to being treated as "inferior beings" and telling Bobby Riggs and Jack Kramer that they would find things very different to Wimbledon, where they competed as amateurs, now that they had forsaken their amateur status.

Of course, this is rubbish for professionals in most sports are usually very well treated in Britain today. At least, a golf professional, Jack McLean, the former Scottish amateur champion, says so.

He asserted that he felt just the same as he did when an amateur. There was no social inferiority, he said.

PARADOX

But it may now be asked not so much what is an amateur, but what is a professional, for the situation in Britain today is paradoxical. One can be a professional at one sport and an amateur at another, according to the rules of some sports bodies.

In others you are an enforced professional at other sports if you take money for playing in one. For instance, if you are a professional at any other sport, you cannot play Rugby football as an amateur, but you can be a professional soccer player and play lawn tennis at Wimbledon as an amateur.

In some games, amateurs and professionals may play together

without the amateur infringing his amateur status, cricket and soccer for instance. In other sports, Rugby football and track and field athletics, an amateur immediately becomes a professional if he competes with or even against professionals.

Such is the case with lawn tennis, but not with table tennis.

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BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

AEROPLANE travel is bringing about more international bridge competition each year. Last year, two American teams flew to South America to meet teams of that region. A number of players from American participate in the U. S. championship meets. As a matter of fact, Jamaica has several players who have won some of the U. S. championships.

Frank E. Lyons of Kingston, Jamaica, sent me today's hand. Mr. Lyons is a member of the executive council of the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce, and is an ardent bridge follower. He tried to get me into the argument as to how the bidding on this hand should go.

I have given the bidding as it took place in Jamaica. When West bid three spades, some of our optimistic bidders here would go to four spades, due to the fact that partner had originally opened the bidding. Four spades can be made if South can be tricked a little bit, with the following line of play.

The opening lead of the eight of clubs is won in dummy with the ace, and the ace of hearts and ace of diamonds are cashed. Now the five of diamonds is trumped by declarer with the four of spades, and the jack of hearts is led. If South plays the ten-spot, declarer can make four-odd. He discards dummy's six of clubs on this trick, then leads the six of hearts from his own hand, trumps South's king in dummy, trumps a diamond in his hand, and leads the queen of hearts.

South's best defence is to trump this with the jack of spades, and dummy's seven of clubs is discarded. South will return a spade, which declarer wins with the king. Then he should play the jack of clubs, trump it in dummy, and the ace of spades gives him his tenth trick.

CROSSWORD

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Mr Truman Urges Prompt Ratification Of Atlantic Pact

Washington, Mar. 21.—President Truman urged prompt Senate ratification of the North Atlantic Pact as his aides speeded completion of the arms for Europe programme today. The President, in a letter to Senator Arthur V. Watkins, hailed the treaty as a step towards peace. Senator Watkins promised to read the letter in the Senate later today.

Mr Truman plans to send the treaty to the Senate for ratification as soon as it is signed here next month.

A United Press poll showed top-heavy support for the pact. Of the Senators willing to comment, 52 said they would vote for ratification while only two said they would oppose it.

Spurred by Soviet tough talk abroad and congressional needling at home, diplomatic aides said portions of the plan to help rearm the Atlantic powers will be submitted to Mr Truman for final approval and then to the Senate for ratification. The new treaty will be met.

The arms plan now being drafted by the military, State Department and foreign recovery officials is said to be motivated by these factors:

1. New rounds of charges by Russia, her satellites and Communists in the West that the treaty pledging joint action against any attack means aggressive encroachment on the part of the United States.
2. Expressions of doubt about the arms programme from such Republican leaders as Senator Robert Taft and Mr John Foster Dulles, Republican foreign affairs adviser.
3. Demands from Democrats and Republicans alike that before the Senate debates on the pact it must know the cost and extent of the arms shipments programme and whether a larger military programme at home will be asked.

CASE FOR RATIFICATION

Meanwhile, sources close to Senator Vandenberg and Chairman Tom Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said they were preparing to carry the case for the treaty ratification to the Senate on these grounds:

1. The pact itself would carry no actual increase in American overseas commitments because even now this country could not stand idly by in the event of a large-scale war in Europe.
2. The use of armed forces under the pact could not be touched off by a so-called "incident" even one of serious nature as an attack on a United States plane flying the Berlin airlift. An incident would, however, call the pact into force and probably bring an order to desist and make suitable preparations. If such action were not forthcoming, the pact "powers" would be expected to invoke sanctions ranging from the recall of diplomats to the ultimate use of force.
3. The pact will contribute to world security by placing the United States for the first time in history squarely on record as an interested and active party in the event of aggression in Europe—United Press.

PACT DEFENDED

Rome, Mar. 21.—Italy's Foreign Minister, Count Sforza, accused Russia today of dividing the world into two with a formula of aggression.

He told the Senate that the Atlantic Defence Pact is the "only last possible guarantee of peace."

The Count, who has led post-war Italy into steadily closer relations with the West, charged Moscow with beginning the formation of the first bloc.

This, he said, "destroyed the principles of the UN and annihilated the capacity of this organization to guarantee peace and direct reconstruction."

"This divided East from West. 'It is natural,' he said, 'that Western Europe should begin to search for other formulae to obtain these two results (peace and reconstruction).'"

Sforza accused Russia of following a formula "not only by aggression but also of the simple threat of aggression" date by date and nation by nation. The Foreign Minister listed what he termed Soviet blows against peace, collective security and reconstruction.

BLOW TO EQUILIBRIUM
He said that postwar disarmament was undertaken solely on the part of the Western powers. This was the first blow to the equilibrium which the UN sought to stabilize.

"Another grave blow to the vitality of the UN was continued and indiscriminate use of the veto by Russia and only by Russia."

Pope Marks Anniversary



Pope Pius XII raises his hand in blessing as he rides in a portable throne on his way to the Sistine Chapel to celebrate the 10th anniversary of his coronation. The Vatican City ceremonies were curtailed somewhat because of "sorrowful conditions" facing the church in some parts of the world.—AP Picture.

France & Portugal May Lose India Possessions

New Delhi, Mar. 21.—European possessions in India—those of France and Portugal—must eventually be merged in the Government of India, according to the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru.

The question came up during a discussion in Parliament over India payments of 1,148,000 rupees to the French-Indian Government.

Mr Nehru said India was considering "whether under present conditions it will be advantageous to continue all or any of them." The payments were in fulfillment of agreements made with the French at various times.

During the discussion Mr Nehru added: "There is only one future for these possessions—merger with the rest of India. Geographically, politically, strategically, economically, and culturally there is no other alternative."

"But," he said, "the Government of India is trying to solve this peacefully and with good-will of the foreign powers in India."

COMPENSATION
Payments to France were made in compensation for the loss of revenue by the French in India. During the war, the Government of India took over management of the customs for the French in India and paid them a lump sum of 520,000 rupees annually.

The French also agreed not to produce salt in their possessions in return for compensation of 460,000 rupees annually. India also managed the posts and telegraphs, paying the French 50,000 rupees for the loss of postal revenue. Another 18,000 rupees are paid to the French for letting the supply of opium remain in the hands of India.

Mr Nehru said no payments were made to the Portuguese Government in India. The French hold five settlements in India with an aggregate area of 203 square miles and a population of 400,000. Smaller still are the Portuguese possessions with headquarters at Goa on the Arabian Sea coast.—Associated Press.

Middle-Road Govt. Wins Elections

Paris, Mar. 21.—Henri Queuille's middle-of-the-road government won France's local elections, the Interior Ministry said tonight.

The score in Sunday's voting, the Ministry said, was: 31.12 percent of the vote to the parties in the government, 48.88 percent to the government's bitter opponents—the Communists and followers of General De Gaulle.

The consensus of neutral observers was that Queuille's moderate pro-West government has been strengthened by the vote.

It should not be forgotten that the parties in the government are united at least temporarily in a coalition cabinet while Queuille's opponents are divided.

PERSONAL SUCCESS
De Gaulle won something of a personal success in polling 23.44 percent of the vote, the largest gathered by any single party.

But the government still has a two to one advantage over the General, who wants to take power to give France what he says is the strong leadership she needs.

The Communists also showed they are still a force to be reckoned with—despite the Atlantic Pact, the European Recovery Programme and the Berlin airlift.

They polled the second highest number of votes, 23.54 percent. But the government also has a two to one advantage over the Communists, who want to overthrow the government because they say it is too pro-American.

De Gaulle and the Communists detest one another.—Associated Press.

Speech-Making For Funds

New York, Mar. 21.—Moshe Sharett, Israel's Foreign Minister, embarked today on a speech-making campaign for the United Jewish Appeal, now aiming to raise \$250,000,000.

Sharett began his coast-to-coast tour in Baltimore today and visits Cincinnati on Tuesday, Pittsburgh Wednesday, Chicago Thursday and Friday, and New York on Saturday. The trip will eventually take him to Los Angeles where he is expected on April 3.—Associated Press.

Chinese Reds' Call To Indonesians

CREATE A "PROLETARIAN-LED REVOLUTIONARY ARMY"

San Francisco, Mar. 21.—The Chinese Communists told the Indonesian Republicans on Monday that they could beat the Dutch only by going Communist and establishing a united front with Soviet Russia.

The long broadcast was heard in San Francisco by the Associated Press. It urged the Indonesians to create a "proletarian-led revolutionary army," to start with guerilla warfare, build up the Communist party, and prepare to capture the big cities later.

Tracing the history of the Indonesian Republican movement, the broadcast said the Republic's leaders were "reactionary, feudal, and anti-popular" and pursued anti-Communist policies at home and refused to establish friendly relations and exchange of consuls and diplomatic missions with the Soviet Union abroad.

This, it said, "placed them in complete opposition to the people at home and abroad," and was responsible for their failure to achieve national liberation.

It described the present Indonesian Republican leaders, along with leaders of the Philippines, India, Pakistan, Siam and South Korea, as "feudal minded, bourgeois of the East." It declared the Indonesians could succeed only by establishing a "correct" proletarian leadership at home and establishing a united front with the Soviet Union.

BOASTS OF SUCCESSES

It reiterated that "a loyal ally in the international sphere can only be found in the Soviet Union and in the revolutionary proletariat of the various countries."

It concluded by boasting of Chinese Communist successes and declaring the Indonesians could do likewise if they would only follow the Chinese Communist pattern.

Of the present Indonesian Republican leadership the broadcast said this to say: "The reactionary ruling classes of the Republic dread the anti-imperialist strength of the people of their own country and of the people of the world. Therefore, they not only cannot shoulder the great cause of national liberation but also cannot preserve their Republic from being destroyed by the Dutch aggressors. They have the same outlook as the Nehrus, Jinnahs, Philbun Songrams, Quirinos, Syngman Rhees and other feeble minded bourgeois of the East. They deem that weak nations cannot attain liberation without relying on imperialism, and that even should they attain independence they can hardly exist without American aid."—Associated Press.

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THE THIRD PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel on Monday, 28th March, 1949, at 5.30 p.m.

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CABINET DISAGREES

Brussels, Mar. 21.—The early dissolution of the Belgian Parliament to be followed by general elections within 40 days was suggested on Monday at a cabinet meeting.

The reason for such a drastic political suggestion was the increasing difficulties in reaching an agreement between the Socialists and Catholics on main political issues.

Though never officially announced, the government plan was confirmed by several cabinet ministers.

The last disagreement between the two governmental parties was mainly on the financing of recently raised unemployment allowances for Belgium's average of 200,000 unemployed.

The Socialists were in favour of a new tax on companies' profits which was refused by the Catholics.—Associated Press.

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